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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1207, L.D. 1700, Bill, "An Act To Protect Military Families"

Amend the bill in the emergency preamble in the 2nd paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Army National Guard" and inserting in its place the following: 'National Guard and of the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces'

Further amend the bill in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 3rd paragraph (page 1, lines 8 to 10 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Whereas, it is imperative that this legislation take effect immediately so that reservists and guard members who have served in combat zones in 2006 can receive adequate life insurance to protect their families; and'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §390-B is enacted to read:

§390-B. Reimbursement for purchase of supplemental life insurance

A member of the National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces assigned to a unit located in the State who serves in the theater of operations for Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom during any month in the 2006

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calendar year is eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of the monthly premium for supplemental life insurance offered by the Federal Government from the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management in an amount up to \$16.25 per month for each month in 2006 that member serves in either theater of operations and for which that member purchases supplemental life insurance.

Sec. 2. Reimbursement by commissioner. From the effective date of this section until June 30, 2007, the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall reimburse a member of the National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces for the cost of the monthly premium for supplemental life insurance offered by the Federal Government in an amount up to \$16.25 per month for each month in 2006 in which the member served in the theater of operations for Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom regardless of the length of time served during any given month. The commissioner shall verify, based on proof provided by the member of the National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces assigned to a unit located in the State, that supplemental life insurance was purchased.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides reimbursement to certain members of the Maine National Guard and the Reserves of the United State Armed Forces for the cost of purchasing life insurance.

GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
All Other	\$0	\$91,536
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$91,536'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires that the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management reimburse members of the National Guard and Reserves assigned to a unit in Maine for the cost of monthly premiums paid to the Federal Government for supplemental life insurance. A member of the National Guard or Reserves assigned to a unit in Maine who serves in the theater of operations for Operation Enduring

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Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom during any month in the
calendar year 2006 is eligible for reimbursement for each month
deployed in that year regardless of the number of days served in
that month.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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LD 1700

LR 2615(02)

An Act to Protect Military Families

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$91,536	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$91,536	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$91,536 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to provide reimbursement to certain members of the Maine National Guard for the cost of purchasing life insurance.