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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1376, L.D. 1964, Bill, "An Act To Assist Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Disabilities in Obtaining Information Regarding Current Events"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §40 in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph B (page 1, lines 19 to 23 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'B. "Eligible individuals" means blind, visually impaired or disabled individuals who are eligible for library loan services through the Library of Congress and the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 701.10(b).'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in §40 in subsection 1 in paragraph C in subparagraph (1) in the first line (page 1, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "persons" and inserting in its place the following: 'individuals'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in §40 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 40 to 47 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Provision of service. The State Librarian may enter into an agreement with a qualified entity to provide an accessible electronic information service for eligible individuals. If an agreement is entered into, the State Librarian may make use of federal and other funds available for this purpose.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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6 This amendment defines and uses the term "eligible
8 individuals" instead of "blind and disabled persons." It
authorizes but does not require the State Librarian to enter into
an agreement for service. It removes unnecessary language.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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An Act To Assist Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Disabilities in Obtaining Information Regarding Current Events

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

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$26,960	\$27,634	\$28,325
Appropriations/Allocations				
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Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$26,960 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the subscription costs associated with the Maine State Library contracting with a qualified entity to provide accessible electronic information services for eligible blind and disabled persons. The Maine State Library has indicated that there may be additional expenses to the Library beyond the subscription costs provided for in this bill for mailings, printing, marketing and related administrative costs. The amount can not be determined at this time.