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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1321, L.D. 1889, Bill, "An Act To Protect the Lives and Health of Members of the Maine National Guard"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§26-F is enacted to read:

**26-F.**

<u>Maine National</u>	<u>Commission to</u>	<u>Legislative Per</u>	<u>37-B MRSA §532</u>
<u>Guard</u>	<u>Protect the Lives</u>	<u>Diem and</u>	
	<u>and Health of</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
	<u>Members of the</u>		
	<u>Maine National</u>		
	<u>Guard</u>		

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §255-A is enacted to read:

**§255-A. Commission to Protect the Lives and Health of Members of the Maine National Guard.**

The commissioner, through the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, shall provide for assistance to the Commission to Protect the Lives and Health of Members of the Maine National Guard in order for the commission to achieve the purpose for which it is created in Title 37-B, chapter 8-A. The Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall coordinate their resources, including staff assistance, to the commission and cooperate under the direction of the commission to provide a higher standard of preventative health care for members of the Maine National Guard.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §533 in subsection 1 by striking out paragraph H (page 3, lines 22 to 25 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1321, L.D. 1889

1 'H. Work with the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to track the care of the  
2 physically and psychologically wounded Maine National Guard and Armed Forces  
3 service members from Maine within the health care systems of the United States  
4 Department of Defense and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and  
5 serve as an advocate to ensure a high quality of care; and'

6 Amend the bill in section 1 in §534 by striking out all of the first line (page 3, line 38  
7 in L.D.) and inserting the following: '**§534. Meetings of the commission; public**  
8 **hearing'**

9 Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

10 **'Sec. 2. Purpose.** The intent of this Act is to provide higher and safer standards for  
11 preventative medical practices and health screenings administered to members of the  
12 Maine National Guard than currently exist and to encourage the federal military forces to  
13 adopt these higher standards. It is also the intent of this Act to prevent future noncombat  
14 deaths and injuries of military personnel by creating the Commission to Protect the Lives  
15 and Health of Members of the Maine National Guard and by directing the Maine National  
16 Guard and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to take such action as  
17 necessary to accomplish this purpose including coordination and cooperation between  
18 these 2 agencies.'

19 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
20 section number to read consecutively.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This amendment clarifies that the Commission to Protect the Lives and Health of  
23 Members of the Maine National Guard will also track the care of wounded service  
24 members of all military services. It also makes a technical change by adding the  
25 commission to the list of boards and commissions found in the Maine Revised Statutes,  
26 Title 5 and by referencing the role of the Maine Center for Disease Control and  
27 Prevention in Title 22, which governs health and welfare. This amendment includes a  
28 purpose section and clarifies a headnote.

29 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
30 **(See attached)**



Approved: 05/30/07 *mac*

# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1889

LR 2622(02)

**An Act To Protect the Lives and Health of Members of the Maine National Guard**

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

**Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of the Attorney General, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and the Department of Health and Human Services can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.