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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 316, L.D. 428, Bill, "An Act To
10 Amend the Intestate Succession and Wills Laws Concerning Wrongful Death"

11 Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

12 **'An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Wrongful Death'**

13 Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection (b) in the 5th line from the end (page 1, line
14 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~\$75,000, provided that \$250,000 if the action~~
15 is" and inserting the following: '~~\$75,000, provided that the action is~~ \$250,000. An action
16 under this section must be'

17 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This amendment ensures that the 2-year statute of limitations applies to all wrongful
20 death actions, not just those actions for punitive damages as implied in the bill. This
21 amendment includes the increase of the cap on punitive damages from \$75,000 to
22 \$250,000.

23 This amendment deletes section 2 of the bill, which specified that claims for
24 pecuniary losses are not lost by the death of either party.

25 This amendment changes the title of the bill to reflect these changes.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT