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**STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 563, L.D. 827, Bill, "An Act To Exempt Protection from Abuse Orders from the Notification and 30-day Waiting Period Requirements under the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act"

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

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** orders or judgments from other states must be filed in Maine to be upheld by law enforcement and Maine courts; and

**Whereas,** current Maine law requires the person filing a judgment from another state to pay the court fees, including registering, docketing, transcription and other enforcement fees; and

**Whereas,** the federal Violence Against Women Act prohibits the assessment of fees for such orders; and

**Whereas,** Maine law needs to be amended as soon as possible to comply with the federal law and to avoid jeopardizing certain federal funds that the State currently receives; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**'Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**