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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 225, L.D. 663, Bill, "An Act To Allow Attorneys Employed by the State To Perform Volunteer Legal Services"

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

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'An Act To Allow Attorneys Employed by the State and District Attorneys To Perform Volunteer Legal Services'

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

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'Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §256, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

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All district attorneys and assistant district attorneys designated as full-time assistants are full-time officers of the State. During their terms of office, they may not for compensation.'

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SUMMARY

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Current law prohibits district attorneys and assistant district attorneys from appearing as counsel or engaging in the private practice of law while in their full-time positions. This amendment adds to the provisions of the bill by allowing district attorneys and assistant district attorneys to provide legal services for free. Conflict of interest restrictions in rules governing the conduct of attorneys, as well as employment policies, still apply.

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