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No. 536

H.P. 393

House of Representatives, January 31, 2019

An Act To Direct the Judicial Branch To Establish a Veterans Treatment Court

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative SHEATS of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford, Senator CARSON of Cumberland and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BAILEY of Saco, SCHNECK of Bangor, Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	<b>Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §433, sub-§2,</b> as enacted by PL 2011, c. 500, §1, is amended to read:
4 5 6 7 8	<b>2.</b> Chief Justice to establish. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court may shall establish a veterans treatment courts court for veterans and members of the United States Armed Forces and may establish additional veterans treatment courts for veterans and members of the United States Armed Forces. The Supreme Judicial Court may adopt administrative orders and court rules of practice and procedure as necessary.
9	SUMMARY

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Current law allows the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to establish veterans treatment courts. This bill instead requires the Chief Justice to establish a veterans treatment court and allows the Chief Justice to establish additional such courts.