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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 68, L.D. 74, “Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Ensure Equity in the Benefits Provided to Military Service Members”

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

'Resolve, To Require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services To Make Recommendations To Ensure Equity in the Benefits Provided to Military Service Members'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Director of Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to provide recommendations on streamlining of criteria for services and benefits to veterans and military service members; legislation authorized. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall provide recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs regarding proposals considered during the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature to streamline the criteria for the delivery and administration of state-established services and benefits to veterans and military service members in the State. The committee is authorized to introduce a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature regarding the streamlining of criteria for the delivery and administration of services and benefits to veterans and military service members. The committee shall consider recommendations made by the bureau and other groups or subcommittees regarding the simplification of the definition of "veteran" for the purpose of the delivery and administration of benefits and services provided to veterans and military service members in the State.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the resolve. It requires the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to provide recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs regarding streamlining the criteria for the delivery and

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1 administration of state-established services and benefits to veterans and military service
2 members in the State. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal
3 Affairs to introduce a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature
4 regarding the recommendations.

5 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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7 **(See attached)**
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