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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 160, L.D. 465, Bill, “An Act To Assist Veterans in Their Applications for Service-related Benefits”

Amend the bill in section 1 in section 501 in the 3rd line from the end (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "their" the following: 'initial'

Amend the bill in section 1 in section 501 in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 16 and 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", veterans' service organizations and other organizations dedicated to serving veterans"

**SUMMARY**

This amendment provides that the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services is required to represent all veterans in filing their initial claims for service-related benefits to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The bill applies this requirement to all claims for service-related benefits and includes claims made to other veterans' service organizations.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**