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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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12 the House.

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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20 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1574, L.D. 2080, Bill, "An
22 Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the
24 Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions
of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government
for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003"

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26 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title
and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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

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34 **Whereas,** the 90-day period may not terminate until after the
beginning of the next fiscal year; and

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36 **Whereas,** certain obligations and expenses incident to the
operation of state departments and institutions will become due
and payable prior to June 30, 2002; and

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

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1574, L.D. 2080

2 technical college employers for inclusion in the Governor's
operating budget.

4 PART KK

6 Part KK:

8 1. Extends the exemption of capital security officers from
certain law enforcement officer training standards and
10 requirements;

12 2. Establishes a program of training requirements for
capitol security officers at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy;

14 3. Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Public
16 Safety to notify the Legislative Council about any prospective
rule pertaining to security in the capitol area; and

18 4. Requires the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of
20 Capitol Security to enter into a written agreement with the
Bureau of State Police, Special Services Unit, which establishes
22 a protocol for greater coordination.

24 PART LL

26 Part LL provides that at least \$2,000,000 be available in
the telecommunications education access fund over the 4-year
28 period beginning August 1, 2002 for purposes other than to
support the learning technology plan and the digital library at
30 the University of Maine.

32 PART MM

34 Part MM requires that, for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05
only, the Governor shall submit a report if the Governor's
36 recommendations for operational costs of applied research and
development differ from the equivalent of not less than 2% of
38 total actual General Fund revenue of the previous fiscal year.

40 PART NN

42 Part NN designates the Thomas M. Teague Biotechnology Center
of Maine, located in Fairfield, Maine, as the Biotechnology
44 Center of Maine.

46 PART OO

48 Part OO requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and
Election Practices to provide an estimate of the anticipated
50 funding need for every election. The amendment also authorizes

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1574, L.D. 2080

2 the commission to submit legislation to request additional
funding.

4 PART PP

6 Part PP allows the use of any money received from the sale
of armories up to \$300,000 during fiscal year 2002-03 to fund the
8 National Guard Education Assistance Pilot Program.

10 PART QQ

12 Part QQ provides that a retired teacher who is collecting
retirement and benefits from the Maine State Retirement System
14 and who becomes an employee of the Legislature be eligible for
health and dental insurance in the same manner as any other
16 employee of the Legislature.

18 PART RR

20 Part RR provides for implementation of the special
retirement provisions for game wardens and marine patrol officers
22 originally enacted last year in Public Law 2001, chapter 439.
Beginning September 1, 2002, service by those employees will be
24 credited under new retirement provisions and the increased cost
of those benefits will be paid out of money set aside last year.
26 Retroactive application of the special retirement provisions for
service by those employees back to September 1, 1984 will occur
28 when the Executive Director of the Maine State Retirement System
certifies that the full actuarial cost of the special retirement
30 provision has been paid to the Maine State Retirement System by
the State.

32 PART SS

34 The shift of the home-based care program to Medicaid would
36 not cover respite services currently used by consumers of the
state-funded program. This Part requires the Department of Human
38 Services to continue to provide a limited respite benefit for
eligible persons, subject to the availability of funds.