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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-26)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 5, L.D. 11, Bill, "AN ACT
to Prohibit Smoking at Public Meetings."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'22 MRSA §1578 is enacted to read:

§1578. Smoking at public proceedings prohibited

1. Smoking prohibited. No person shall smoke tobacco or
any other substance in any form in any public proceedings which
are held inside.

2. Public proceedings defined. The term "public proceedings"
as used in this section shall mean the transactions of any functions
affecting any or all citizens of the State by any of the following:

A. The Legislature and its committees and
subcommittees;

B. Any board or commission of any state agency or authority,
the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine and any of
its committees and subcommittees, the Administrative Council
of the University of Maine, the Board of Trustees of the
Maine Maritime Academy and any of its committees and sub-
committees; and

C. Any board, commission, agency or authority of any county,
municipality, school district or any other political or
administrative subdivision.

3. No smoking signs posted. There shall be posted in
conspicuous places where these public proceedings are held an

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adequate number of "no smoking" signs.

4. Violation. Violation of this section, after warning, shall be a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$50 may be adjudged. '

Statement of Fact

This amendment spells out the term "public proceedings," rather than giving only the statutory reference, requires the posting of "no smoking" signs, and makes clear that if a person continues to smoke after a warning, he would be committing a civil violation.

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