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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 519, L.D. 703, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Civil Violation and Civil Forfeiture Laws for Natural Gas and Natural Gas Pipeline Utilities"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in the next to the last line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$10,000" and inserting in its place the following: '\$25,000'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1 in the next to the last line (page 1, line 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$10,000" and inserting in its place the following: '\$25,000'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The increase of maximum civil penalties may increase General Fund revenues. The amount of additional revenue can not be estimated.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment makes changes to the bill that are consistent with recent changes contained in the federal Pipeline Safety Act of 1992. Sections 112 and 211 of that Act change the maximum daily civil penalty from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for each violation. The federal Pipeline Safety Act of 1992 did not alter the maximum

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2 total civil penalty amounts in question and consequently the  
maximum total civil penalty amounts in the bill are not modified.

4 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Utilities  
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