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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 984, L.D. 1315, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Registration System for General Contractors"

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

FISCAL NOTE

The total number of general contractors who would be regulated under this bill can not be determined at this time. The board will incur expenses and realize dedicated revenues; neither of which can be determined at this time.

This bill establishes a new Class E crime. Sentences imposed for Class E offenses must be served in a county jail. The average cost per sentence for a Class E crime is \$4,188 based upon an average length of stay of 67 days. The additional costs to the counties for the housing of each offender sentenced under this new crime will not require reimbursement by the State.

The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenues by a minor amount.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Business Legislation.

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 984, L.D. 1315

2 The Department of Corrections prepared the following
3 corrections impact statement on the original bill pursuant to the
4 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 1402. L.D. 1315, "An
5 Act to Establish a Registration System for General Contractors"
6 creates a new Class E offense for violation of Title 32, chapter
7 124. A sentence imposed for a Class E offense must be served in
8 a county jail facility. Looking at sentences served for Class E
9 offenses in county jails, the average length of stay was found to
10 be about 67 days. The average cost per day in a county jail is
\$62.51. The average cost per sentence for a Class E crime is
\$4,188".

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Business Legislation
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