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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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STATE OF MAINE

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132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 691, L.D. 1773, "An Act to Criminalize Certain Offenses Related to Gift Card Thefts"

Amend the bill by incorporating the attached fiscal note.

SUMMARY

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1773

LR 1111(02)

An Act to Criminalize Certain Offenses Related to Gift Card Thefts

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A(\$-m)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase – Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The bill adds a definition for "retail merchandise", which includes, among other things, the theft of gift cards. Specifically identifying gift card theft as a theft of merchandise could result in an increase in incarcerations. The number of any potential increased incarcerations is not known. The current average cost of incarcerating one individual for a single year is \$55,203.

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new felony cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines will increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.