

## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1092, L.D. 1371, Bill, "AN ACT to Redirect the Use of Plumbing Permit Fees."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the last stricken out sentence of the 2nd paragraph and all of the last blocked paragraph before the Fiscal Note and inserting in place thereof the following:

'One-third fourth of the amount of such fee shall be paid through the Department of Health and Welfare to the Treasurer of State to be maintained as a permanent fund and used by the department for the carrying out of its plumbing rules and regulations and the training and certification of plumbing inspectors.

The remainder shall be paid to the treasurer of the municipality and used exclusively for carrying out the plumbing laws in <u>each</u> such municipality.'

## Fiscal Note

It is estimated that loss of dedicated revenue to the State will be \$22,307. This revenue will be retained by the municipalities for plumbing inspection purposes.

## Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to retain a greater portion of the plumbing fees at the municipal level to offset the increasing costs of administering the state plumbing code. The 1/3 presently transferred to the Department of Health and Welfare is far in excess of its current needs with respect to plumbing inspection.

Reported by the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

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