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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
108TH LEGISLATURE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 179, L.D. 493, Bill, "AN ACT to Assess a Surcharge on Fines and Penalties for the Operation of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy."

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first 2 paragraphs and inserting in their place the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out in that part designated "\$2807." everything after the first paragraph and before the 4th paragraph from the end, and inserting in its place the following:

'In addition to every fine or forfeiture imposed for a criminal offense or traffic infraction, an additional amount equal to 10% of the amount of the fine shall be paid by the defendant to the clerk of the court.'

Statement of Fact

The additional charges imposed on a defendant under the original bill would have a varying impact on the defendant depending on the size of the fine imposed on the defendant. For example, the additional charge on a \$5 fine represents 40% of the amount of the fine, while the charge on a \$10,000 fine represents a fraction of 1% of the amount of the fine. This amendment establishes a straight 10% surcharge regardless of the size of the fine.

Filed by Mr. Stubbs of Hallowell.

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