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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 630, L.D. 771, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Warrantless Arrests by a Law Officer."

Amend the Bill in that part designated "§15." by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:

'A law enforcement officer may, without fee, take the personal recognizance of any person for his appearance on a charge of a Class D or Class E crime.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment is intended to clarify the law by placing in Title 17-A, the Maine Criminal Code, a provision that appears in another section, Title 14, section 5544, and thereby bringing it to the attention of law enforcement officers. The bill concerns the power of arrest. The amendment would emphasize that, for lesser offenses, Class D and Class E crimes, the officer has the alternative of giving a summons to the person charged.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Judiciary.

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