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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-232)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 563, L.D. 639, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Criminal Trespass by Motor Vehicle."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following: 'AN ACT Concerning Civil Trespass by Motor Vehicle.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'17 MRSA §3853-C is enacted to read:

§3853-C. Civil trespass by motor vehicle

A person who parks a motor vehicle belonging to him or subject to his control or allows that vehicle to remain parked in any private drive or private way in a manner so as to block or interfere with the free passage of vehicles, or on a public highway in such a manner as to block the entrance to a private driveway, gate or barway, commits a civil trespass by motor vehicle for which a forfeiture not to exceed \$100 may be adjudged. Upon proof that the defendant was the registered owner of the vehicle, it shall be presumed that he was the person who parked the vehicle so as to block or interfere with free passage through a driveway, gate, barway or other private way.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment changes the original bill from a criminal violation to a civil violation and allows a forfeiture of up to

\$100. It also creates a presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle was responsible for blocking the private way.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.
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