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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 280, L.D. 811, Bill,
"AN ACT to Reorganize Certain Chapters of the Maine Criminal
Code."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of sections 3 and 4 and
their
inserting in / place the following:

'Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §4, as amended by PL 1977, c. 510,
§14, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§4. Classification of crimes in this code

1. Except for murder, all crimes defined by this code
are classified for purposes of sentencing as Class A, Class
B, Class C, Class D and Class E crimes.

2. All civil violations are expressly declared not to
be criminal offenses. They are enforceable by the Attorney
General, his representative or any other appropriate public
official in a civil action to recover what may be designated
a fine, penalty or other sanction, or to secure the forfeiture
that may be decreed by the statute. Evidence obtained pursuant
to an unlawful search and seizure shall not be admissible in
a civil violation proceeding arising under Title 22, section
2383.'

Further amend the Bill in section 5 by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Except as provided in section 1, subsection 2, this section becomes effective October 24, 1977.'

Further amend the Bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the changes made in the effective date section of the bill and to consolidate 2 sections of the original bill.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.

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