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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 360, L.D. 491, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Litter Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §2264, last ¶, as amended by PL 1981, c. 36, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §2264, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Penalties. Any person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture not less than \$25 and not to exceed \$200 may be adjudged for the first violation and a forfeiture not less than \$100 and not to exceed \$500 may be adjudged for any subsequent violation. In addition to or instead of a forfeiture, the court may order any person adjudicated to have violated this section to:

A. Pick up and remove from any place any or all litter deposited there by anyone prior to the adjudication; or

B. Pay the owner of the property treble the owner's cost of cleaning up or removing the litter.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment corrects the format of the littering law and adds an optional penalty. The judge may order a person who litters to pay triple the owner's cost of cleaning up the litter in addition to or instead of the current forfeiture. This is intended to discourage people from disposing of their trash, especially old tires and appliances, on public or private property. It will also help the property owner clean up and remove the litter by the reimbursement of costs.