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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 551, L.D. 1522, Bill, "An Act Concerning Fines Collected by the Courts"

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

'17-A MRSA §1341, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 752, §1, is amended to read:

1. Assessment. When a person is sentenced to incarceration in a county jail, the sentencing court shall consider and may assess as part of the sentence a reimbursement fee to help defray the expenses of the offender's room and board. The fee may not exceed the cost of incarcerating the offender or \$20 per day, whichever is less. Any reimbursement fee assessed shall be collected by the county treasurer of the county in which the offender is incarcerated, and paid into the treasury of that county and credited to the county responsible for paying for the incarceration of the offender.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the text of the bill. The purpose of the amendment is to ensure that a county which is responsible for paying the incarceration costs of any particular offender receives the benefit of that offender being assessed, and paying, the county jail reimbursement fee. This is important to counties which pay other counties to house one or more prisoners. The offender will pay the county in which incarcerated, but the county responsible for paying for that offender will have its bill for incarcerating that offender reduced by the amount the offender pays.