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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 723, L.D. 1898, Bill, "An Act Related to Smoking in Facilities for the Mentally Ill"

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

'22 MRSA §1580-B, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Smoking in state mental health institutes. Residents of a state mental health institute may smoke in a designated smoking area. The designated smoking area must be enclosed and adequately ventilated. State mental health institutes shall design and implement smoking cessation programs for residents. Smoking by employees at state mental health institutes is governed by section 1580-A.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after the emergency clause and before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation will absorb the costs to provide enclosed and ventilated designated smoking areas for its patients at the state mental health institutes within existing resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment provides that patients at a state mental health institute may smoke in a designated smoking area that must be enclosed and adequately ventilated. Smoking by employees at state mental health institutes would be governed by the Workplace Smoking Act of 1985.

Reported by Senator Gauvreau for the Committee on Human Resources. Reproduced and Distributed Pursuant to Senate Rule 12.