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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1745, L.D. 2409, Bill, "An Act to Promote the Awareness and Responsibility of Owners of Firearms"

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

15 MRSA §455-A is enacted to read:

§455-A. Warning requirement upon sales of firearms

1. Posting of conspicuous warning. Any commercial retail sales outlet that sells firearms shall conspicuously post at each purchase counter where firearms may be purchased the following warning in block letters not less than one inch in height:

"ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD IS A CRIME. IF YOU LEAVE A FIREARM AND AMMUNITION WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF A CHILD, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINE, IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH.

KEEP FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION SEPARATE.

KEEP FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION LOCKED UP.

USE TRIGGER LOCKS."

2. Violation. Any person who fails to post the warning in compliance with subsection 1, commits a civil violation for which a civil forfeiture of not more than \$200 may be adjudged.

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FISCAL NOTE

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Enactment of this bill may result in an increase in the number of cases filed within the court system. The Judicial Department has indicated it can absorb the additional costs that may be incurred as a result of this bill within its budgeted resources.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment replaces the original bill.

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The amendment requires any commercial retail seller of firearms, a person who makes retail sales of firearms in the regular course of business, to post a conspicuous sign stating that allowing a child to have access to firearms and ammunition may constitute a crime, such as endangering the welfare of children, for which a person can be punished. The sign must also state 3 specific ways of avoiding the possibility of children having easy access to firearms and ammunition.

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