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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 746, L.D. 1050, Bill, "An Act to Authorize a Regional Tax"

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

'36 MRSA c. 214 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 214

LOCAL OPTION FEES

§1821. Local option fees; municipalities

1. Local occupancy fee. A municipality may impose a local option fee of not more than \$3 per night on the occupancy of a place of public accommodation for lodging for less than 20 nights.

2. Local motor vehicle rental fee. A municipality may impose a local option fee of not more than \$3 per day on the rental or lease of a motor vehicle for less than 30 days.

3. Municipalities authorized to enact. Residents of a municipality who wish to adopt any local option fee may petition the municipal officers to adopt the fee. Upon receipt of a written petition signed by at least 10% of the number of voters voting in the municipality in the last statewide election or on their own motion, the municipal officers shall submit the question to the voters of the municipality at the next general, primary or special election. The referendum question must read substantially as follows:

2 "Shall the officers representing the municipality of (insert
4 city or town) enact a (local occupancy fee) (local motor
vehicle rental fee) in the amount of (insert an amount up to
\$3)?"

6 If the referendum question is approved by a majority of the legal
8 voters voting at the election, the municipal officers
representing the residents of the town or city shall enact the
10 local option fee or fees within 180 days.

12 4. Administered by municipality. Retailers in a
14 municipality imposing a local option fee under this section shall
pay the fee to the treasurer of the municipality on a weekly
basis.'

16 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

18 This amendment authorizes municipalities to impose certain
20 local option fees.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Taxation
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