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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 969, L.D. 1410, Bill, "An Act to Prevent Financial Gain by Convicted Drug Offenders"

Amend the bill in paragraph D by inserting at the end the following: 'In cases involving a violation of chapter 45, the court must make a finding that the property loss is specifically related to that case.'

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill broadens the definition of property loss in drug-related criminal violations. There may be an increase in revenue to the General Fund as a result of court-awarded restitution to the State's law enforcement agency in an amount that can not be estimated at this time.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment clarifies that "buy money" used by law enforcement agencies may be recovered through restitution only if the court makes a finding that the loss of the property was specifically related to the case for which the restitution is ordered.

This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary
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