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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1004, L.D. 1472, Bill, "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Stickers on Trespassing Motor Vehicles"

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

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'29 MRSA §1370, as amended by PL 1987, c. 370, §5, is further amended by adding after the 3rd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

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A person may not place a sticker or other device on the windshield of a motor vehicle parked in a manner that allegedly constitutes trespass by motor vehicle, as defined in Title 17-A, section 404, if the sticker or other device would obstruct the driver's forward view. A person who places a sticker in violation of this paragraph commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture not to exceed \$50 may be adjudged. This paragraph does not apply to law enforcement officers engaged in the performance of official duties.

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FISCAL NOTE

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This bill established a civil violation when a person places stickers or other devices on a trespassing motor vehicle. The additional work load and administrative costs associated with a minimal number of new cases filed in District Court as a result of the violation will be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. There will be an increase in General Fund revenue from the collection of additional fines.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The amendment limits the prohibition on applying stickers to trespassing motor vehicles to prohibit only the placement of the stickers in a position on the motor vehicle that obstructs the driver's view. The amendment also adds a specific penalty for improper application of the stickers and places the prohibition in the motor vehicle laws rather than the Maine Criminal Code.