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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1022, L.D. 1495, Bill, "An Act Dealing with Abandoned Automobiles in the State"

Amend the bill by striking out all of subsection 5-A and inserting in its place the following:

'5-A. Abandonment of vehicle on public way. Abandonment of a vehicle on a public way is a civil violation for which a forfeiture not to exceed \$250 may be adjudged. A person who is found to have abandoned a vehicle under this subsection is responsible for any towing charges that are directly related to the abandonment of the vehicle.'

FISCAL NOTE

This bill makes abandonment of a vehicle a civil violation. 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 a minor increase in General Fund revenue from the collection of additional fines.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment makes abandonment of a motor vehicle a civil violation and makes the person who abandons a vehicle responsible for towing charges associated with that abandonment. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Transportation
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