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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1483, L.D. 2095, Bill, "An Act to Replace Criminal Penalties with Civil Penalties for Violations of Weights and Measures Laws"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, current laws provide for criminal penalties for violations of weights and measures laws; and

Whereas, enforcement of the laws would be enhanced by appropriate civil penalties; and

Whereas, full enforcement of these laws is important; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

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

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

FISCAL NOTE

The collection of increased fines may increase General Fund revenue by a minor amount.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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This amendment adds an emergency preamble, an emergency clause and a fiscal note to the bill.

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