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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1698, L.D. 2378, Bill, "An Act to Eliminate Mandatory Minimum Sentences"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 5 to 8.

Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

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

FISCAL NOTE

The elimination of mandatory minimum sentences for certain criminal offenses will allow a greater use of probation and other sentencing options, resulting in a decreased length of stay in the State's correctional institutions and the county jail facilities for those offenses.

The amount of savings that may result do not warrant a General Fund deappropriation at this time.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment strikes from the bill the section that would eliminate mandatory minimum sentences in cases involving the dissemination of sexually explicit material to minors, aggravated drug trafficking or furnishing and the use of firearms.

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2 The Department of Corrections prepared the following
correctional impact statement on the original bill pursuant to
the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 1402:

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6 "An Act to Eliminate Mandatory Minimum Sentences seeks to
eliminate mandatory minimum sentences for certain criminal
penalties pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated. The
8 specific impact of each title and section of this L.D. on our
correctional system cannot be determined, as eliminating minimum
10 mandatory sentences would expand the judges sentencing options
for these offenses. In general, we feel that eliminating minimum
12 mandatory sentences will allow a greater use of probation and
other sentencing options, resulting in a decreased length of stay
14 in our state correctional institutions and county jails for these
offenses."

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