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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1748, L.D. 2436, Bill, "An Act Related to Periodic Justification of Departments and Agencies of State Government under the Maine Sunset Act"

Amend the amendment on page 6 in subsection 1 in the 4th to 8th lines (page 6, lines 10 to 14 in amendment) by striking out the following: "~~director shall be appointed by the commissioner from a list of at least 3 persons recommended by the board and shall serve~~ is nominated by the Governor, reviewed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters and confirmed by the Legislature." and inserting in its place the following: '~~director shall be appointed by the commissioner from a list of at least 3 persons recommended by the board and shall serve~~ Chief of the State Police, the Maine Sheriffs' Association and the Maine Chiefs of Police Association may each nominate one candidate as Director of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency for submission to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency Advisory Board. The advisory board shall submit one of the 3 nominations to the commissioner, who may appoint that person with the approval of the Governor. If the commissioner or the Governor do not approve of the candidate submitted, each of the nominating groups is requested to submit an additional nomination.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

The net impact of provisions in Part A is a savings in costs to state agencies and a net increase in General Fund revenue that can not be precisely quantified.

The Department of Public Safety will incur some additional administrative costs to implement the new Maine Drug Enforcement

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2 Agency including changing the name of the agency and establishing  
the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency Advisory Board. The Department  
4 of the Attorney General will incur additional costs to direct  
drug investigations of public officials and establish drug  
6 prosecution protocols. These costs can be absorbed by the  
respective departments within existing budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment changes the way in which the Director of the  
12 Maine Drug Enforcement Agency is selected.

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