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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 643, L.D. 874, Bill, "An Act to Protect Police Officers from Armor-piercing Ammunition"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§1056." in subsection 1 in the last line (page 1 line 11 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "ammunition" the following: 'other than as part of a bona fide collection'

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

This bill increases the penalty for possession of armor-piercing ammunition from a Class D to a Class C crime. Sentences of more than 9 months for Class C crimes must be served in a state correctional institution. The cost to the State per sentence is \$42,050 based upon an average length of stay of one year and 9 months. The State also must reimburse counties for sentences served in county jails of 9 months or less for this crime pursuant to the Communities Corrections Act.

The Judicial Department will require additional General Fund appropriations for an increase in indigent defense costs. The amounts can not be determined at this time.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The amendment excepts a person who is otherwise guilty of possession of armor-piercing ammunition from violation if the person possesses the ammunition as part of a bona fide collection.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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2 The Department of Corrections prepared the following  
3 correctional impact statement on the original bill pursuant to  
4 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 1402: "An Act to  
5 Protect Police Officers from Armor-piercing Ammunition would  
6 increase the penalty for possession of armor-piercing ammunition  
7 from a Class D offense to a Class C felony. A sentence imposed  
8 of more than 9 months for a Class C crime must be served in a  
9 state correctional institution. The cost to the State per  
10 sentence is \$42,050, based on an average length of stay of one  
11 year and 9 months. The State also pays the cost for sentences  
12 served in county jails of 9 months or less."

The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

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