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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 969, L.D. 1300, Bill, "An Act Regarding Disorderly Conduct"

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill establishes a new Class E crime. Sentences imposed for Class E offenses must be served in a county jail. The average cost per sentence for a Class E crime is \$4,685 based upon an average length of stay of 67 days. The additional costs to the counties for the housing of each offender sentenced under this new crime are not reimbursed by the State.

The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 The Department of Corrections has prepared the following
3 correctional impact statement pursuant to the Maine Revised
4 Statutes, Title 34-A, section 1402: "L.D. 1300, An Act Regarding
5 Disorderly Conduct expands the existing law on disorderly conduct
6 to include loud and unreasonable noise from agricultural
7 machinery as a Class E offense.

8 "A sentence imposed for a Class E offense must be served in
9 a county jail facility. Looking at sentences served for Class E
10 offenses in county jails, the average length of stay was found to
11 be about 67 days. The average costs per day in a county jail is
12 \$62.51. The average cost per sentence for a Class E crime is
\$4,188."