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COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1060, L.D. 1428, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Vending Machine Sales of Cigarettes"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1628, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1989, c. 445, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Violation. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to knowingly distribute or sell cigarettes from a vending machine to a person under the age of 18 years or from any vending machine except for a vending machine:

A. From which only cigarettes are dispensed;

B. On which is affixed to the front of the machine a conspicuously displayed sign with letters at least 1/2 inch in height stating: "WARNING: It is unlawful for a person under the age of 18 to purchase cigarettes in this State. (22 M.R.S.A. §1579)"; and

C. That is in a location that is at all times under direct supervision of an adult during the hours the machine is accessible.

FISCAL NOTE

The additional work load 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 revenues by a minor amount.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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6 This Committee of Conference Amendment replaces the bill.
8 This amendment makes the following changes from current law
concerning the sale of cigarettes in vending machines.

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10 1. The sale of cigarettes in vending machines is authorized
in those machines from which cigarettes only are dispensed.

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14 2. A warning sign must be attached to cigarette vending
machines stating that it is unlawful for minors to purchase
cigarettes.

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This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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