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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 357, L.D. 477, Bill, "An Act to Increase Police Authority in Certain Cases of Disorderly Conduct"

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. 17-A MRSA §501, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:

3. In a private place, he the person makes loud and unreasonable noise which that can be heard by others, including law enforcement officers, as unreasonable noise in a public place or in another private place, after having been ordered by a law enforcement officer to cease sueh the noise.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill clarifies an existing Class E crime, potentially resulting in additional prosecutions under the crime. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$83.22 per day for each offender. These costs are not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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12 This amendment replaces the original bill and clarifies that
law enforcement officers may act as complainants in certain
instances of disorderly conduct. The amendment also adds a
14 fiscal note to the bill.