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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Reported by: Senator HALL of Piscataquis for the Committee.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 203, L.D. 546, Bill, "An Act to Change the Law That Determines When a Sentence in Excess of 20 Years May Be Imposed for a Class A Crime"

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

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Corrections may experience increased costs associated with longer terms of imprisonment for certain criminals. The amount of the additional future costs to state correctional institutions can not be determined at this time.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill. The Department of Corrections has prepared the following correctional impact statement for the original bill pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 1402: L.D. 546, An Act to Change the Law that Determines When a Sentence in Excess of 20 Years May Be Imposed for a Class A Crime. This L.D. proposes to provide judges with greater sentencing discretion in imposing longer sentences for certain Class A crimes. As this L.D. would provide new sentencing discretion, no historical data exist to project the impact on our average length of stay or cost. We do know that the cost for each additional year a prisoner serves in an adult correctional facility is \$27,926.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT