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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 478, L.D. 659, Bill, "An Act to Allow Charitable Solicitation by Law Enforcement Officers, Agencies and Associations"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §3702-B is enacted to read:

§3702-B. Solicitation unlawful

A person may not solicit property from the general public when the property, or any part of that property, in any way tangibly benefits, is intended to tangibly benefit or is represented to be for the tangible benefit of any law enforcement officer, law enforcement agency or law enforcement association. Any violation of this chapter constitutes a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

Sec. 3. Effective date. Section 2 of this Act takes effect on March 1, 1998.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may decrease the number of civil suits filed in the court system as a result of the temporary repeal of the law regulating solicitation by law enforcement officers. The Judicial

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2 Department may realize some minor savings from reductions of
workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal
4 number of cases that will no longer be filed. Reductions in the
collection of filing fees may decrease General Fund revenue by
6 minor amounts.'

8 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

10 This amendment is the majority report.

12 This amendment reenacts the law regulating solicitation by
law enforcement officers on March 1, 1998.

14 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.