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Reported by: Senator MILLS of Somerset for the Committee.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 359, L.D. 985, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Law Dealing with Agreements for Recovery of Personal Property"

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. 33 MRSA §1869, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Unfair trade practice. A person who makes a claim for compensation in violation of this section commits an unfair trade practice in violation of Title 5, section 207.'

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

'FISCAL NOTE

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment replaces the original bill and provides that a person who makes a claim for compensation in violation of the section of the Unclaimed Property Act restricting agreements to locate property violates the Unfair Trade Practices Act. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.