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**STATE OF MAINE  
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117TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1356, L.D. 1861, Bill, "An Act to Make All Cases of Vehicular Manslaughter Class A Crimes"

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

This bill increases the penalties for certain crimes from Class B to Class A crimes. Sentences of more than 9 months for both Class B crimes and Class A crimes must be served in a state correctional institution. Since the average length of stay for a Class A crime is 1,130 days longer than for a Class B crime, the incremental increase in the average cost to the State's correctional facilities is \$93,960. Sentences of 9 months or less for both Class A crimes and Class B crimes must be served in a county jail. The State provides reimbursement to the counties for housing these offenders.

The Judicial Department may require additional General Fund appropriations to cover increased indigent defense costs related to these cases where the class of crime is increased. The amounts can not be estimated at this time. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1356, L.D. 1861

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and it adds a fiscal note to the bill.