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H. of S.
L.D. 231

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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SENATE AMENDMENT " A" to H.P. 176, L.D. 231, Bill, "An Act
to Classify Vehicular Homicide as a Class A Crime"

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Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary
the following:

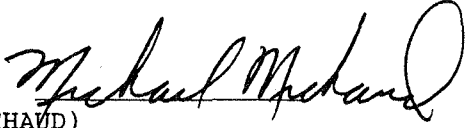
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FISCAL NOTE

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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 twice as long as a Class B crime, the
incremental increase in the average cost to the State's
correctional facilities is \$89,719. 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.

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The Judicial Department may require additional General Fund
appropriations to cover increased indigent defense costs related
to these cases when 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.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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SPONSORED BY: 
(Senator MICHAUD)

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COUNTY: Penobscot