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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 233, L.D. 297, Bill, "An Act to Make Unlawful Possession of Firearms for Nonviolent Juvenile Offenses Either a Crime or a Juvenile Offense Depending upon the Age of the Violator"

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class C crimes. Sentences of more than 9 months imposed for Class C crimes must be served in a state correctional institution. The cost to the State per sentence is \$53,033 based upon an average length of stay of one year and 10 months. The State also must reimburse counties for sentences served in county jails of 9 months or less for Class C crimes.

This bill may also increase costs for juvenile programming at the Department of Corrections if this bill results in an increase in the number of juvenile offenders placed under the department's jurisdiction.

The Judicial Department may require additional General Fund appropriations to cover indigent defense costs related to these new cases. The amounts can not be estimated at this time. The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be

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2 absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
Department. The collection of additional fines may also increase
4 General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

6 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.