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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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**118TH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 390, L.D. 535, Bill, "An Act to Ban Partial Birth Abortions"

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 state correctional institutions. 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.

The Judicial Department will require additional General Fund appropriations to cover indigent defense, expert witnesses, security and additional staffing costs related to these new cases. The amount and timing of General Fund appropriations necessary to cover these additional expenditures can not be determined at this time. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

This bill may also 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

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

6 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment is a minority report of the Joint Standing  
Committee on Judiciary. It adds a fiscal note to the bill.  
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