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Reported by: Senator Murray

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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 266, L.D. 874, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Public Safety Laws Concerning Visual Smoke Detectors"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "a" and inserting in its place the following: 'an approved'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in the 4th line from the end (page 1, line 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "reasonable" and inserting in its place the following: 'actual'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in the 2nd line from the end (page 1, line 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "reasonable" and inserting in its place the following: 'actual'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

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This amendment states affirmatively that a visual smoke detector must be approved by the State Fire Marshal. It also specifies that, if a landlord does not provide a suitable smoke alarm for a deaf or hard-of-hearing tenant, the tenant may obtain, install and maintain a suitable smoke detector and deduct the actual costs of doing so from the rent. The original bill states that the tenant may deduct reasonable costs.

This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.