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Reported by: Senator Kilkelly

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 373, L.D. 1232, Bill, "An Act to Provide Relief from Barking Dogs"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3912-B is enacted to read:

§3912-B. Excessive barking

The owner or keeper of a dog that repeatedly disturbs people by prolonged, repeated or habitual barking, whining, crying, howling or yelping commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 may be adjudged.'

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.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the original bill. It makes keeping a dog that repeatedly disturbs people a civil violation subject to a fine. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.