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

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 976, L.D. 1356, Bill, "An Act to Prevent Substance Abuse by Maine Children"

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

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'Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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**1997-98                      1998-99**

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**MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION  
AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

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**Office of Substance Abuse**

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All Other    \$1,338,000                      \$1,784,000

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Provides funds for substance abuse prevention programs from revenue generated by the prevention user fee on alcoholic beverages.'

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

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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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FISCAL NOTE

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1997-98

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund	\$1,338,000	\$1,784,000
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Based on fiscal year 1996-97 sales, the prevention user fee imposed on all alcoholic beverages sold in the State would increase General Fund revenue by \$1,338,000 in fiscal year 1997-98 and \$1,784,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 1998-99. However, the resulting increases in the prices of alcoholic beverages may further decrease total annual liquor sales beyond the general downward trend in liquor sales, and reduce the net revenue transferred to the General Fund. The amount of the annual sales reductions and the resulting net General Fund revenue from the imposition of these fees can not be estimated at this time.

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Based on the 1996-97 sales estimates, the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services will require General Fund appropriations of \$1,338,000 and \$1,784,000 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively. These amounts may exceed the amounts actually required by the bill as a result of the general downward trend in liquor sales and the additional reductions in sales associated with the higher prices for liquor.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

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