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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "#" to H.P. 997, L.D. 1389, Bill, "An Act to Allow Partially Consumed Bottles of Wine to be Taken from Restaurants"

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

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'Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §2074, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

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1. Transportation on-premises or off-premises. Any Except as provided in section 1051, any person who transports liquor onto or off of the premises of an on-premise retail licensee is quilty of a Class E crime.'

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

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#### 'FISCAL NOTE

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This bill may reduce prosecutions for Class E crimes. If jail sentences are reduced, the savings to the counties are estimated to be \$83.78 per day per prisoner. These savings do not affect reimbursement by the State. The reduction in the number of prosecutions that would have resulted in a jail sentence and the resulting savings to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

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The Judicial Department may realize some minor savings from reductions of workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed in the

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court system. Reductions in the collection of fines may decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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### SUMMARY

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This amendment clarifies the penalty provision and exempts the transport of liquor for partially consumed bottles of wine with certain restrictions. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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