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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1264, L.D. 1791, Bill, "An Act to Bring the State into Conformity with the Firearms Provisions of the Violence against Women Provisions of the Federal Violent Crime Control Act"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 225, §2, is amended to read:

8. Penalty. A violation of subsection 1, paragraph A, B or C is a Class C crime. A violation of subsection 1, paragraph D is a Class D crime.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class D crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$83.78 per day per prisoner. These costs are not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

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2 The additional workload, administrative costs and indigent
3 defense costs associated with the minimal number of new cases
4 filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted
5 resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of
6 additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor
7 amounts.'

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10 **SUMMARY**

11 This amendment reduces the crime of possessing a firearm in
12 violation of a specific prohibition contained in a protection
13 from abuse order from Class C to Class D. This amendment adds a
14 fiscal note to the bill.