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Reported by: Senator O'Gara

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 603, L.D. 1800, Bill, "An Act to Include Flunitrazepam in the List of Schedule W Drugs"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class B, C and D crimes.

Sentences of more than nine months imposed for Class B crimes must be served in state correctional institutions. The cost to the State per sentence is \$89,719 based upon an average length of stay of 3 years and 1 month. The State also must reimburse counties for sentences served in county jails of 9 months or less for Class B crimes.

Sentences of more than nine months imposed for Class C crimes must be served in state correctional institutions. The cost to the State per sentence is \$53,033 based upon an average length of stay of 1 year and 10 months. The State also must reimburse counties for sentences served in county jails of 9 months or less for Class C crimes.

For Class D crimes, if a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$83.78 per

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2 day per prisoner. These costs are not reimbursed by the State.
3 The number of prosecutions that may result in a jail sentence and
4 the resulting costs to the county jail system are expected to be
5 insignificant.

6 The Judicial Department may require additional General Fund
7 appropriations to cover indigent defense costs related to these
8 new cases. The amounts can not be estimated at this time. The
9 additional workload and administrative costs associated with the
10 minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be
11 absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
12 Department. The collection of additional fines may also increase
13 General Fund revenue by minor amounts.
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SUMMARY

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This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.