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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1527, L.D. 2149, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group on Motor Vehicle Fines, Enforcement and Reimbursement"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4-A in paragraph A in the 2nd line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$40" and inserting in its place the following: '\$25'

Further amend the amendment in the first paragraph after the title in the first line (page 1, line 23 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Amend" and inserting in its place the following: 'Further amend'

Further amend the amendment in paragraph B in the 2nd line (page 1, line 28 in amendment) by striking out the following: "\$40" and inserting in its place the following: '\$25'

Further amend the amendment by inserting before the 2nd indented paragraph after the title the following:

'Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4-B in paragraph B in the first line (page 2, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Eight" and inserting in its place the following: 'Six'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4-B in paragraph B in the last line (page 2, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "paragraph A" and inserting in its place the following: 'paragraphs A and B'

2 Further amend the amendment on page 2 in paragraph A in the  
first line (page 2, line 2 in amendment) by striking out the  
4 following: "Nine and one half" and inserting in its place the  
following: 'Six'

6 Further amend the amendment on page 2 in paragraph B in the  
8 3rd line (page 2, line 11 in amendment) by striking out the  
following: "3 1/2%" and inserting in its place the following:  
10 '7%' and by striking out the following: "9 1/2%" and inserting  
in its place the following: '6%'

12 Further amend the amendment in section 6 in the 7th line  
14 (page 3, line 2 in amendment) by striking out the following:  
"\$734,103" and inserting in its place the following: '\$458,815'

16 Further amend the amendment in section 6 in the last line  
18 (page 3, line 9 in amendment) by striking out the following:  
"\$40" and inserting in its place the following: '\$25'

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22 **FISCAL NOTE**

24 **1998-99**

26 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

28 General Fund (\$172,526)  
Other Funds 458,815

30 **REVENUES**

32 General Fund (\$467,233)  
34 Other Funds (467,233)

36 This amendment establishes the Law Enforcement Agency  
Reimbursement Fund dedicated to reimbursing municipal and county  
38 law enforcement officers for serving as court officers or  
witnesses. Revenue to the fund will be generated by transferring  
40 5% of traffic infraction fines which will reduce General Fund  
revenue by \$467,233 in fiscal year 1998-99. Highway Fund revenue  
42 from these fines is not affected by the assessment. This  
assessment is estimated to reduce General Fund revenue by  
44 \$509,709 in fiscal year 1999-2000, the first full year of  
implementation.

46 The estimated annual costs to be funded from the Law  
Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund to increase the  
48 reimbursement of law enforcement officers from \$10 per day to \$25  
per day for serving as court officers or as witnesses are  
50 estimated to be \$500,525. An allocation of \$458,815 will be

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required in fiscal year 1998-99 to provide authorization to  
reimburse these costs.

A portion of these reimbursements is budgeted in the  
Judicial Department's General Fund budget. The shift of these  
reimbursements to the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund  
will result in annual General Fund savings of \$188,210. Given an  
assumed effective date of August 1, 1998, \$172,526 in fiscal year  
1998-99 may be deappropriated from the Judicial Department.

Balances remaining in the Law Enforcement Agency  
Reimbursement Fund at the end of each fiscal year lapse to the  
General Fund. The estimated amounts that will lapse to the  
General Fund are \$8,418 in fiscal year 1999-2000 and \$9,184 in  
fiscal year 2000-01.

### SUMMARY

This amendment reduces the reimbursement of municipal and  
county law enforcement officers who serve as court officers and  
witnesses from \$40 per day to \$25 per day. This amendment also  
reduces the assessment on traffic fines from 9 1/2% to 6%.

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