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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 111, L.D. 308, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the 118th Legislative Joint Select Committee to Implement a Program for the Control, Care and Treatment of Sexually Violent Predators"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3.

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 5. 17-A MRSA §1203, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1999, c. 24, §3, is repealed.'

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

The Department of Corrections will require additional General Fund appropriations beginning in fiscal year 2001-02 for 8 additional Probation Officer positions, related operating costs and funds for treatment services to implement the new probation requirements for certain sex offenders. The total annual cost of the 8 new Probation Officer positions, related costs and treatment services in fiscal year 2001-02 and thereafter is estimated to be approximately \$550,000. This amount is based on

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2 an estimated average of 225 dangerous sexual offenders and an
average caseload of 30 of these offenders per probation officer.

4 The Department of Corrections may incur some additional
costs in fiscal year 2000-01 related to the new probation
6 requirements. These costs can be absorbed within the
department's existing budgeted resources.

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10 The Department of the Attorney General will incur additional
costs to assist in enforcing the new probation requirements for
certain sex offenders. The Department of the Attorney General
12 assumes that the additional enforcement activities associated
with the change will be minimal and the costs associated with
14 these activities can be absorbed within the department's existing
budgeted resources.

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18 This bill may result in additional probation revocation
cases in the court system. The Judicial Department may require
additional General Fund appropriations to cover indigent defense
20 costs related to these new cases. The amounts can not be
estimated at this time. The additional workload and
22 administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new
cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the
24 budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of
additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor
26 amounts.

28 The fiscal impact on the state correctional system as a
result of the removal of the upper limit on the length of
30 sentences for certain "dangerous sexual offender" crimes and the
potential for additional probation revocations can not be
32 determined at this time.'

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36 **SUMMARY**

38 This amendment strikes sections 2 and 3 of the bill and
changes the history line of section 5 of the bill to account for
changes made by Public Law 1999, chapter 24, sections 2 and 3.
40 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.