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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" 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'Sec. 5. 17-A MRSA §1203, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1999, c. 24, §3, is repealed.'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 2003-04 for additional staff, related operating costs and funds for treatment services to implement the new probation requirements for certain sex offenders. The estimated future costs will be approximately \$91,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and approximately \$228,000 annually thereafter.

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

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

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

28 SUMMARY

30 This amendment makes technical changes to the bill to
32 reflect changes that were made to certain sections of law by
Public Law 1999, chapter 24. The amendment also adds a fiscal
note to the bill.