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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 255, L.D. 359, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require a Vote of 2/3 of Each House of the Legislature to Enact or Include a Tax or License Fee"

Amend the resolution by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require a Vote of 2/3 of Each House of the Legislature to Enact or Increase a Tax'

Further amend the resolution in that part designated "Section 24." by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Enactment. Legislation establishing a tax may not be enacted except by vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House of the Legislature;'

Further amend the resolution in that part designated "Section 24." in subsection 2 in the first line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or license fee"

Further amend the resolution in that part designated "Section 24." in subsection 3 in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 22 and 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "a tax or license fee or increase the rate of taxes or license fees" and inserting in its place the following: 'a tax or increase the rate of taxes'

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 255, L.D. 359

2 Further amend the resolution in that part designated
"Section 24." in subsection 4 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 26 in
L.D.) by striking out the following: "or license fee"

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6 Further amend the resolution in the 2nd resolved paragraph
in the question in the 3rd line (page 1, line 44 in L.D.) by
striking out the following: "or license fees"

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10 Further amend the resolution by inserting at the end before
the summary the following:

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14 **FISCAL NOTE**

16 The estimated cost of sending this constitutional amendment
out to referendum will vary according to the total number of
18 referenda enacted during the First Regular Session of the 119th
Legislature to be submitted to the voters in November. The
20 estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one to 6 referenda
are enacted is \$95,000. Each additional referendum costs an
22 additional \$7,000.'

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment removes all references to license fees from
the original resolution and adds a fiscal note to the resolution.