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L.D. 532

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B " to S.P. 178, L.D. 532, Bill, "An Act to Limit Children's Access to Firearms"

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

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'Resolve, to Limit Children's Access to Firearms'

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Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 1. Department of Public Safety public service messages regarding firearms. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety shall coordinate and implement a one-year media campaign, beginning September 30, 1999, of written and televised public service messages that warn the public of the danger of firearms and the importance of safely storing firearms to ensure that children do not have unsupervised access to firearms. The public service messages must include at least the following: "Endangering the welfare of a child is a crime. If you leave a firearm and ammunition within easy access of a child, you may be subject to a fine, imprisonment or both. Keep firearms and ammunition separate. Keep firearms and ammunition locked up. Use trigger locks"; and be it further

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Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

R. 418

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1999-00

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PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

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Administration - Public Safety

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All Other

\$30,000

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Appropriates funds for the costs of a one-year media campaign on the dangers of firearms.'

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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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1999-00

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund

\$30,000

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This resolve includes an additional General Fund appropriation of \$30,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 to the Department of Public Safety, Administration - Public Safety program, for the costs of providing a one-year media campaign concerning the dangers of firearms.'

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SUMMARY

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The amendment replaces the bill and is the 2nd minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice. The amendment requires the Department of Public Safety to coordinate and implement a one-year media campaign, beginning September 30, 1999, of written and televised public service messages that warn the public of the danger of firearms and the importance of safely storing firearms to ensure that children do not have unsupervised access to firearms. The amendment also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note.

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