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HOUSE AMENDMENT "E" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 455, L.D. 618, Bill, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2001"

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part P the following:

PART Q

Sec. Q-1. 22 MRSA §1556-A, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Certain enforcement actions prohibited. Under no circumstances may the State use juveniles in conducting any enforcement actions under this chapter.

Sec. Q-2. Tobacco Enforcement Options; alternative plan. The Commissioner of Human Services, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Attorney General shall, working jointly, develop and implement alternative tobacco enforcement strategies, consistent with the intent of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 262-A and related federal regulations, that would maintain a strong enforcement presence exclusive of using juveniles in specific enforcement actions. The commissioners and Attorney General shall seek input from those joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over tobacco enforcement issues.'

Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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FISCAL NOTE

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This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund appropriations and revenue and a balanced budget is maintained for fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year 2000-01.

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The impact of this amendment on federal grants received by the State for tobacco enforcement efforts can not be determined at this time.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment precludes the State from using juveniles in any tobacco enforcement action. It directs the Commissioner of Human Services, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Attorney General to jointly develop and implement alternative tobacco enforcement strategies, exclusive of using juveniles for enforcement actions.

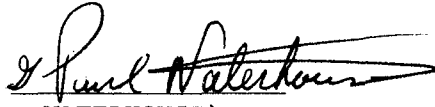
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