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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 233, L.D. 655, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Penalty for Failure to Yield the Right-of-way to a Visually Impaired Pedestrian"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2056, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Failure to yield right-of-way to a visually impaired pedestrian. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, an operator who fails to yield the right-of-way to a visually impaired pedestrian who is carrying a cane that is predominately white or metallic in color, with or without a red tip, or using a guide or personal care dog as defined in Title 17, section 1312, commits a traffic infraction. Notwithstanding section 103, subsection 3, the fine for a violation of this subsection may not be less than \$50 nor more than \$1,000.'

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

'FISCAL NOTE

This bill may increase the number of traffic infractions filed in the court system. The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the

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2 Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may also
increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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6 SUMMARY

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8 This amendment clarifies the intent of the bill to increase
the penalty for failure to yield the right-of-way to a visually
impaired pedestrian. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to
10 the bill.