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20 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 625, L.D. 875, Bill, "An
Act to Minimize the Harmful Effects of Lead"

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

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'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7608-A is enacted to read:

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§7608-A. Illegal sale of lead sinkers

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32 After January 1, 2002, a person is guilty of selling an
34 illegal lead sinker if that person sells or offers for sale a
sinker for fishing that contains any lead and weighs 1/2 ounce or
less. For purposes of this section, "sinker" means any device
made of lead that is designed to be attached to fishing line that
is used by anglers to sink a fly line or baited hook. "Sinkers"
does not include artificial lures.'

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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46 This bill may increase prosecutions for Class E crimes. If
a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties
are estimated to be \$82.48 per day per prisoner. These costs are

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2 not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may
3 result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county
4 jail system are expected to be insignificant.

5 The additional workload and administrative costs associated
6 with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system
7 can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
8 Department. The collection of additional fines may increase
9 General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill to make the sale of lead
sinkers weighing 1/2 ounce or less illegal after January 1,
2002. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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