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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 317, L.D. 951, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 5 and 6 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §1769, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Review of rules by Legislature. Rules adopted under this section are major substantive rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

Further amend the bill in section 10 in subsection 6 in the last line (page 4 line 27 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "is prohibited" the following: 'except that the wheels of a semitrailer or trailer may cross the center part as long as the wheels of the towing vehicle do not cross the center part'

Further amend the bill in section 13 in the indented paragraph in the 3rd line (page 4, line 49 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "of vehicles" the following: 'or pedestrians'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 16.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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12 This bill increases the penalty for certain violations of
law from traffic infractions to Class E crimes and establishes a
new Class E crime. If a jail sentence is imposed for Class E
14 crimes, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be
\$82.48 per day per prisoner. These costs are not reimbursed by
16 the State. The number of prosecutions that may result in a jail
sentence and the resulting costs to the county jail system are
18 expected to be insignificant.

20 This bill may increase the number of criminal and traffic
infraction cases filed in the court system. The additional
22 workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal
number of new cases filed can be absorbed within the budgeted
24 resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of
additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor
26 amounts.'

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SUMMARY

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32 The amendment removes several sections of the bill that have
been addressed by other bills during this session and removes a
section that proposed to make selling or equipping a vehicle with
34 certain after market items a Class E crime. The amendment also
repeals obsolete language pertaining to the Joint Standing
36 Committee on Transportation's review of rules adopted by the
Chief of the State Police and enacts the standard language
38 required to ensure legislative review of major substantive rules
under the Administrative Procedures Act.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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