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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1123, L.D. 1582, Bill, "An Act to Control the Sale and Display of Tobacco Products"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1555-B, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Manner of displaying and offering for sale. Tobacco products may be displayed or offered for sale only in a manner that does not allow the purchaser direct access to the tobacco products. The requirements of this subsection do not apply to the display or offering for sale of tobacco products in multi-unit packages of 10 or more units, in tobacco specialty stores or in locations in which the presence of minors is generally prohibited. This requirement does not preempt a municipal ordinance that provides for more restrictive regulation of the sale of tobacco products.'

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

'FISCAL NOTE

This bill may increase the number of civil violations 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 Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the majority report for the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. Except as otherwise allowed by law, it requires tobacco to be displayed or offered for sale only in a manner that does not allow the purchaser direct access to the tobacco products. It exempts tobacco specialty stores and locations in which the presence of minors is generally prohibited. It states that the provision does not preempt a municipal ordinance that provides for more restrictive regulation of the sale of tobacco products. It also adds a fiscal note.

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