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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1210, L.D. 1739, Bill, "An Act Relating to New and Used Car Document Fees"

Amend the bill in section 1 in the first line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "29" and inserting in its place the following: '29-A'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§953-A." by striking out the first paragraph (page 1, lines 7 and 8 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'A dealer selling a new or used motor vehicle shall post on the vehicle any document preparation fee that will be added to the vehicle's sale price. A violation of this section is prima facie evidence of an unfair trade practice and is a violation of Title 5, section 207.'

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

'FISCAL NOTE

This bill may increase the number of civil cases 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.

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2 The Department of the Attorney General will incur additional
costs to enforce this new requirement on new and used car
4 dealers. The Department of the Attorney General assumes that the
additional enforcement activities associated with the change will
6 be minimal and the costs associated with these activities can be
absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

10 This amendment replaces the substance of the bill with
12 language requiring new and used car dealers to post their
document preparation fees on each vehicle offered for sale. A
14 dealer who violates this provision commits an unfair trade
practice.

16 This amendment also makes a technical correction and adds a
18 fiscal note to the bill.