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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 775, L.D. 2174, Bill, "An Act to Protect the Citizens of Maine from the Dangers of Counterfeit Consumer Goods"

Amend the amendment in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 7th indented paragraph (page 2, lines 4 to 6 in amendment)

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 3 and 4.

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

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment strikes the General Fund appropriation, reducing the General Fund cost of the bill by \$3,600 in fiscal year 2000-01. This amendment removes the provisions creating the study commission, eliminating the associated costs to the Legislature and the associated minor costs to the Department of Public Safety and the Department of the Attorney General.

As amended, this bill may increase prosecutions for Class D crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$83.36 per day per prisoner. The number of prosecutions that may result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

SENATE AMENDMENT

H. 46.

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L.D. 2174

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

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the language establishing the Commission to Study Counterfeiting and the Unauthorized Sale of Consumer Goods and Labels and the appropriation for that commission.

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