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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1743, L.D. 2449, Bill, "An Act to Allow the State Police to Accept Funds from Private Entities for Services Provided"

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

'Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1502, 4th ¶, as amended by PL 1993, c. 123, §1, is further amended to read:

The Upon the request of a federal agency or other person, the State Police may provide assistance for public safety purposes only to the federal agencies agency or other person. The Chief of the State Police may charge the various federal agencies or other persons for these services. Revenues received from these agencies and other persons must be allocated for the purpose of funding the cost of providing the services. Beginning January 2001 and annually thereafter, the State Police shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters no later than January 15th of each year concerning the assistance provided to federal agencies and other persons during the previous calendar year. The report must contain information about the types of services provided, the number of services and the fees charged by the Chief of the State Police. This paragraph is repealed July 30, 2002.'

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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**FISCAL NOTE**

Allowing the Bureau of State Police within the Department of Public Safety to provide services to private entities and individuals will increase Other Special Revenue funds expenditures and revenue collections. The amounts will depend on the amount of services requested and can not be determined at this time.

The Bureau of State Police within the Department of Public Safety will incur some minor additional costs to submit required annual reports to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the bureau's existing budgeted resources.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice. This amendment clarifies that the State Police may provide services for public safety purposes only to private entities and may charge for providing the services. The revenue collected must be allocated for the purpose of funding the cost of providing the services. The amendment requires the State Police beginning in 2001 to report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters regarding these activities. This provision regarding State Police assistance to federal agencies and private entities is repealed July 30, 2002.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.