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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 280, L.D. 358, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require a Vote of 2/3 of Each House of the Legislature to Enact or Include a Tax or License Fee"

Amend the resolution by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require a Vote of 2/3 of Each House of the Legislature to Enact or Increase a Tax'

Further amend the resolution in Section 24 in the first and 2nd lines (page 1, lines 7 and 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or license fee"

Further amend the resolution in Section 24 in subsection 1 in the first line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or license fee" and in the 2nd line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or license fee"

Further amend the resolution in Section 24 in subsection 2 in the first line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or license fee"

Further amend the resolution in Section 24 in subsection 3 in the 5th and 6th lines (page 1, lines 22 and 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or license fee or increase the rate of taxes or license fees" and inserting in its place the following: 'or increase the rate of taxes'

Further amend the resolution in Section 24 in subsection 4

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2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the
following: "or license fee" and in the 5th and 6th lines (page
4 1, lines 29 and 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or
license fee"

6 Further amend the resolution in the referendum in the
question in the 3rd line (page 1, line 45 in L.D.) by striking
8 out the following: "or license fees"

10 Further amend the resolution by inserting at the end before
the summary the following:

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14 **FISCAL NOTE**

16 The estimated cost of sending this constitutional amendment
out to referendum will vary according to the total number of
18 referenda enacted during the First Regular Session of the 120th
Legislature to be submitted to the voters in November. The
20 estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one to 6 referenda
are enacted is \$121,392. Each additional referendum costs an
22 additional \$8,000.

24 The impact of the provisions of the constitutional amendment
on State Government can not be determined at this time.'

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28 **SUMMARY**

30 This amendment removes provisions from the bill that would
require a 2/3 vote of all members of each House of the
32 Legislature to enact or increase license fees.