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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 203, L.D. 768, Bill, "An Act to Require a Life Sentence for Murder Unless There Are Mitigating Circumstances"

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

'An Act to Increase the Mandatory Minimum Sentence for Murder'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1251, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1983, c. 673, §3, is amended to read:

A person convicted of the crime of murder shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life or for any term of years that is not less than 25 35. The sentence of the court shall specify the length of the sentence to be served and shall commit the person to the Department of Corrections.'

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

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Increasing the mandatory minimum sentence for murder will result in future General Fund costs for the Department of Corrections. The amount of future General Fund appropriations required to support this additional cost can not be estimated at this time.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill and is the minority report. The amendment changes the mandatory minimum sentence for murder from 25 years to 35 years. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.