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**STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 565, L.D. 1725, Bill, "An Act to Prevent Interstate and International Smuggling of Illegal Drugs Into the State by Creating the Crime of Illegal Importation of Scheduled Drugs"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class C crimes. Sentences of more than nine months imposed for Class C crimes must be served in state correctional institutions. The cost to the State per sentence is \$71,306 based upon an average length of stay of 2 years and 5 months.

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.

The Judicial Department may require additional General Fund appropriations to cover indigent defense costs related to these new cases. The amounts can not be estimated at this time. 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 also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.