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S.P. 68

In Senate, January 21, 2003

An Act To Clarify That Possession of More Than 1 1/4 Ounces of Marijuana is a Crime

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SAVAGE of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative McNEIL of Rockland and
Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: MILLS of Cornville, TRAHAN of
Waldoboro.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2383, sub-§1, as amended by IB 1999, c. 1, §6, is further amended to read:

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1. Marijuana. Except as provided in section 2383-B, subsection 5, possession of a usable amount of marijuana of a weight equal to or less than 1 1/4 ounces is a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$200 nor more than \$400 must be adjudged for the first offense. A forfeiture of \$400 must be adjudged for the 2nd and subsequent offenses within a 6-year period.

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SUMMARY

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This bill clarifies that possession of a usable amount of marijuana of a weight equal to or less than 1 1/4 ounces is a civil violation. Possession of larger amounts is a Class E crime under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1107-A.

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