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Minority
TRANSPORTATION

L.D. 114
(Filing No. H-464)

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 106, L.D. 114, Bill, "An Act To Prohibit the Use of a Handheld Cellular Telephone while Operating a Motor Vehicle"

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

'An Act Related to Distracted Driving'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2419 is enacted to read:

§2419. Distracted driving

1. Distracted driving. A person may not operate a motor vehicle while distracted. For purposes of this section, "distracted" means engaged in an activity not related to the actual operation of a motor vehicle in a manner that interferes with the safe operation of the vehicle on a public way.

2. Violation. A person is guilty of distracted driving if that person operates, with criminal negligence as defined in Title 17-A, section 35, a motor vehicle while distracted.

3. Penalty. A violation of this section is a Class E crime that, notwithstanding Title 17-A, section 1301, is punishable by a fine of not less than \$300 for the first offense and a mandatory 30-day suspension of the violator's driver's license for a 2nd offense occurring within 3 years of the first offense.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, replaces the bill. The amendment defines "distracted" and makes it a Class E crime to drive while distracted. The amendment also imposes a fine of \$300 for the first offense of driving while distracted and a suspension of a person's license for 30

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1 days for a 2nd offense within 3 years of the first offense. This amendment also amends
2 the title to reflect the content of the amendment.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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An Act To Prohibit the Use of a Handheld Cellular Telephone while Operating a Motor Vehicle

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes a new Class E crime and a minimum fine of not less than \$300 for the first offense.
The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.