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An Act To Increase the Fines for Littering

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

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Presented by Representative CRESSEY of Cornish.
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and
Representatives: DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUCHESNE of Hudson, JACKSON of Allagash,
KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, MAKAS of Lewiston, RINES
of Wiscasset, WATSON of Bath.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §2264-A**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. I, §§34-37 and
3 affected by Pt. X, §2, is further amended to read:

4 **§2264-A. Penalties**

5 Unless otherwise indicated, a person who disposes of litter in violation of this chapter
6 commits a civil violation for which the following forfeitures apply.

7 **1. Disposal of 15 pounds or less or 27 cubic feet or less of litter.** A person who
8 disposes of 15 pounds or less or 27 cubic feet or less of litter commits a civil violation for
9 which a fine of not less than ~~\$100~~ \$200 and not more than ~~\$500~~ \$600 may be adjudged.

10 **1-A. Disposal of 15 pounds or less or 27 cubic feet or less of litter; subsequent**
11 **offenses.** A person who violates subsection 1 after having previously violated subsection
12 1 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than ~~\$200~~ \$300 and not more than
13 ~~\$500~~ \$600 may be adjudged.

14 **2. Disposal of more than 15 pounds or more than 27 cubic feet of litter.** A
15 person who disposes of more than 15 pounds or more than 27 cubic feet of litter commits
16 a civil violation for which a fine of not less than ~~\$200~~ \$300 and not more than ~~\$500~~ \$600
17 may be adjudged.

18 **2-A. Disposal of more than 15 pounds or more than 27 cubic feet of litter;**
19 **subsequent offenses.** A person who violates subsection 2 after having previously
20 violated subsection 2 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than ~~\$500~~
21 \$600 and not more than ~~\$1,000~~ \$1,500 may be adjudged.

22 **3. Disposal of more than 500 pounds or more than 100 cubic feet of litter for a**
23 **commercial purpose.** A person who disposes of more than 500 pounds or more than 100
24 cubic feet of litter for a commercial purpose is subject to the penalties under Title 38,
25 section 349.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill increases the fines for littering.