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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 580, L.D. 773, Bill, "An Act To Further Restrict the Availability of Methamphetamine and Amphetamine Pills"

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

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'Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1105-A, sub-§1, ¶G, as amended by PL 2001, c. 667, Pt. D, §24 and affected by §36, is further amended to read:

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G. At the time of the offense, the person trafficks in methamphetamine or amphetamine in a quantity of 300 or more pills, capsules, tablets or units or 100 grams or more. Violation of this paragraph is a Class A crime;

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill and moves the intended prohibition to the existing provision of law regarding methamphetamine. The amendment, like the bill, makes trafficking in a quantity of 300 or more pills, capsules, tablets or units of methamphetamine or amphetamine an aggravated offense and a Class A crime. It also makes trafficking in 100 grams or more of amphetamine a Class A crime.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 773

LR 971(02)

An Act To Further Restrict the Availability of Methamphetamine and Amphetamine Pills

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

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the classification from a Class B crime to a Class A crime, increases correctional costs

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Increasing the present classification of a Class B offense to a Class A offense is expected to increase future correctional costs. The current maximum penalty for a conviction is 10 years. This bill will increase the maximum to 30 years resulting in potential future costs. The current average annual cost of housing one prisoner for a Class A crime in a state correctional facility is \$43,362.