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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 129TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1357, L.D. 1891, Bill, "An Act To Protect Maine Propane Consumers upon the Termination of an Agreement between a Dealer and a Consumer"

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1697 is enacted to read:

§1697. Compensation for propane upon termination of agreement

1. Consumer-owned tank. Upon the termination of an agreement between a propane dealer and a consumer, when the consumer has paid for the propane that remains in the tank at the time of termination and when the consumer owns the tank in which the propane is stored, the propane dealer shall allow the consumer to continue to use the propane remaining in the tank at the time of termination of the agreement. The consumer may request that the propane dealer pump out the propane remaining in the tank at the time of termination of the agreement. If such a request is made, the propane dealer shall pump out the remaining propane from the consumer's tank and shall compensate the consumer at a rate equal to the market price of the propane on the date that the agreement is terminated or the price that the consumer paid for the propane, whichever is less.

2. Dealer-owned tank. Upon the termination of an agreement between a propane dealer and a consumer, when the consumer has paid for the propane that remains in the tank at the time of termination and when the propane dealer owns the tank in which the propane is stored, the propane dealer shall provide the consumer the choice of the following options:

A. The consumer may continue to use the propane remaining in the tank at the time of termination of the agreement for a period of time not to exceed 90 days from the date of termination of the agreement. If there is propane remaining in the tank after more than 90 days have passed following the date of termination of the agreement, the propane dealer, upon reasonable advance notice to the consumer, may pump out

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-779)*
Committee: Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional fine and/or fee revenue will increase General Fund and dedicated revenue by minor amounts.