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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 405, L.D. 560, "An Act To Amend the Safe Haven Laws"

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A-1 in subparagraph (2) in the last line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A-1 in subparagraph (3) in the last line (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "," and inserting the following: "; and"

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A-1 by inserting after subparagraph (3) the following:

'(4) In compliance with requirements adopted by rule by the department, including, but not limited to, a requirement that the device or container be equipped with an alarm that notifies the hospital, law enforcement agency or fire department where the device or container is located and a public safety answering point as defined in Title 25, section 2921, subsection 7 when a child is placed in the device or container.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §4018, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Rules. The department shall adopt rules to ensure the safe design, installation and use of each safe haven baby box before it may be put into service by a hospital, law enforcement agency or fire department. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules for the purposes of Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to contract for technical support developing rules to implement the program.

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GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$14,174	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,174	\$0

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment provides that the Department of Health and Human Services must adopt rules governing the design, installation and use of safe haven baby boxes to ensure necessary safety specifications are met, including but not limited to an alarm that alerts both the facility where the safe haven baby box is located and a public safety answering point when a baby has been placed inside. Other states require specifications about dimensions, insulation, temperature, locks and the ability for a person to access the box anonymously; this amendment does not incorporate such specifications. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 560

LR 775(02)

An Act To Amend the Safe Haven Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-570)*

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$14,174	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$14,174	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$14,174 in fiscal year 2021-22 to contract for technical support developing rules to implement the program.