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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 963, L.D. 1307, "An Act To Restrict the Sale, Purchase and Use of Fireworks in the State"

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

**'An Act Regarding the Sale and Use of Consumer Fireworks'**

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

**'Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §223-A, sub-§10**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 646, §1, is further amended to read:

**10. Disclosures to customers.** A person authorized to sell consumer fireworks shall provide to the purchaser at the point of sale written guidelines, which must be published or approved by the commissioner before distribution, describing the safe and proper use of consumer fireworks, ~~which must include, but are including,~~ but not limited to, guidelines regarding the safe and proper use of consumer fireworks around bodies of water; guidelines regarding the prevention of littering in the use of consumer fireworks; and guidelines regarding the effects from the use of consumer fireworks on wildlife, livestock and domesticated animals. The guidelines must also include the following statements in a conspicuous location: ~~"MAINE LAW EXPRESSLY PROHIBITS PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE FROM PURCHASING, POSSESSING OR USING CONSUMER FIREWORKS" and "FURNISHING CONSUMER FIREWORKS TO PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE IN MAINE."~~ Such guidelines must be published or approved by the commissioner prior to distribution.

A. "MAINE LAW EXPRESSLY PROHIBITS PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE FROM PURCHASING, POSSESSING OR USING CONSUMER FIREWORKS";

B. "FURNISHING CONSUMER FIREWORKS TO PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE IN MAINE"; and

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 963, L.D. 1307

1 It amends disorderly conduct law to provide that the making of loud and unreasonable  
2 noise, which can be an element of the crime of disorderly conduct, includes loud and  
3 unreasonable noise resulting from the use of consumer fireworks.

4 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

5 (See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**