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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 386, L D 609, "An Act to Ensure an Incarcerated Individual's Right to Make Free Telephone Calls Protected by Attorney-Client Privilege"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following
'An Act Regarding Guidelines for Free Telephone Calls by Individuals Incarcerated in Department of Corrections Facilities'

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

'Sec. 1. 34-A MRS §3015, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c 615, Pt A, §1, is amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read

The chief administrative officer of each department facility shall draft, publish and implement guidelines governing resident access to free telephone calls as required by paragraphs A and B in that facility'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes the provision of the bill that requires county jails to provide residents with free access to telephone calls protected by the attorney-client privilege. It also requires the chief administrative officer of each of the Department of Corrections' detention facilities and correctional facilities to draft, publish and implement guidelines governing that facility's implementation of the provision of current law requiring the Department of Corrections to provide a resident of a department facility who has less than \$10 in the resident's facility account a free telephone call allowance for 30 minutes of telephone calls to the resident's relatives and friends per

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1 week and a free telephone call allowance for 30 minutes of telephone calls that are
2 protected by the attorney-client privilege per week

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

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LD 609

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An Act to Ensure an Incarcerated Individual's Right to Make Free Telephone Calls Protected by Attorney-Client Privilege

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

A (H-192)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Corrections associated with having each chief administrative officer of each facility draft, publish and implement guidelines governing resident access to free telephone calls can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources