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Date 6/15/23 Majority (Filing No H-553) LD 1103

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to HP 698, LD 1103, "An Act to Allow Persons Who Lawfully Use or Possess Cannabis to Own or Possess Firearms or Ammunition"

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

'Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§1, ¶G, as amended by PL 2015, c 470, §1, is further amended to read

G. Is an unlawful user of or is addicted to any controlled substance and as a result is prohibited from possession of a firearm under 18 United States Code, Section 922(g)(3) Notwithstanding the prohibition under 18 United States Code, Section 922(g)(3), the use, possession or transport of cannabis in accordance with Title 22, chapter 558-C or Title 28-B may not serve as the basis for the prohibition to own, possess or have under a person's control a firearm in this section. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment removes provisions of the bill that prohibit a state or municipal employee from assisting a federal agency in enforcing federal laws prohibiting a person from owning or using a firearm because the person possesses or uses cannabis legally in this State. The amendment also clarifies language in the bill making the use, possession or transportation of cannabis in accordance with state law not a violation of the law prohibiting certain persons from owning, possessing or having under the person's control a firearm

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1103

LR 1626(02)

An Act to Allow Persons Who Lawfully Use or Possess Cannabis to Own or Possess Firearms or Ammunition

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

A (H-553)

Fiscal Note

Minor savings - General Fund

Minor revenue decrease - General Fund

Minor revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The reduction in workload associated with the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed in the court system does not require any reduction in funding

Reductions in the collection of fines will decrease General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts