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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1386, L.D. 1942, Bill, “An Act To Protect Water Quality by Prohibiting Consumer Fireworks in the Shoreland Zone”

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

'An Act To Protect Water Quality by Requiring Additional Disclosures to Purchasers of Consumer Fireworks Regarding Safe and Proper Use'

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

'Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §223-A, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 416, §5 and affected by §9, is 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 describing the safe and proper use of consumer fireworks, which must include, but are 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.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the title of and replaces the bill. It amends the State's consumer fireworks laws to provide that the required disclosures to purchasers of

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1 consumer fireworks by sellers of consumer fireworks must include guidelines regarding
2 the safe and proper use of consumer fireworks around bodies of water; guidelines
3 regarding the prevention of littering in the use of consumer fireworks; and guidelines
4 regarding the effects from the use of consumer fireworks on wildlife, livestock and
5 domesticated animals.