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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1239, L.D. 1795, Bill, “An Act To Amend the Maine Criminal Code and Related Statutes as Recommended by the Criminal Law Advisory Commission”

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §3314, sub-§1, ¶G, as amended by PL 2009, c. 93, §12, is further amended to read:

G. Except for a violation of section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph H, the court may impose a fine, subject to Title 17-A, sections 1301 to 1304, except that there is no mandatory minimum fine amount. For the purpose of this section, juvenile offenses defined in section 3103, subsection 1, paragraphs B and C are ~~deemed Class E crimes~~ subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment eliminates the reference to the fine amount for Class E crimes to avoid confusion regarding the status of the juvenile crimes of possession of under 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal transportation of drugs by a minor and certain offenses involving alcoholic beverages. Instead, the amendment changes the language of the provision to explicitly state that the maximum fine is \$1,000. The amendment does not change the maximum fine.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT