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H.P. 1362

House of Representatives, March 5, 2012

An Act To Ensure Funding for the Victims' Compensation Fund

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport. (GOVERNOR'S BILL) Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and

Representatives: CHASE of Wells, CLARK of Easton, KESCHL of Belgrade, MALONEY of Augusta, STEVENS of Bangor, WINSOR of Norway, Senators: HILL of York, ROSEN of Hancock.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3360-I, first ¶, as amended by PL 1993, c. 570, §1, is further amended to read:

As part of the sentence or fine imposed, the court shall impose an assessment of \$25 on any person convicted of murder, a Class A crime, a Class B crime or a Class C crime and \$10 on any person convicted of a Class D crime or a Class E crime. Notwithstanding any other law, the court may not waive the imposition of the assessment required by this section. For purposes of collection and collection procedures, these assessments are this assessment is considered part of the fine. At the time of commitment, the court shall inform the Department of Corrections or the county sheriff of any unpaid balances on assessments owed by the offender to the Victims' Compensation Fund. All funds collected as a result of these assessments accrue to the Victims' Compensation Fund.

13 SUMMARY

This bill prohibits a court from waiving the assessment of \$25 on a person convicted of murder or a Class A, Class B or Class C crime and \$10 on a person convicted of a Class D or Class E crime. The assessment is currently used to fund the Victims' Compensation Fund.