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LR 1104 ( ) **PROPOSED COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

JSJ **Rep. McCreight**

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**NEW TITLE: An Act To Align Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Funding with Recommendations of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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

**Sec.** **1. 22 MRSA §273** is enacted to read:

**§****273.** **Funding requirements**

The amount annually appropriated and used for the program may not be less than the lesser of:

**1.** **Tobacco products revenue and Fund for a Healthy Maine funds.** The amount of tax collected on tobacco products in accordance with Title 36, sections 4365-G and 4403 plus funds available in the Fund for a Healthy Maine; and

**2.** **Recommended funding level.** The funding level recommended for this State by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention pursuant to its determination for state tobacco control programs.

**Summary**

This amendment removes from the bill the proposed increase in the tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products. It retains provisions of the bill requiring funding of the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Health to be a minimum of the actual revenue collected on the sales of all tobacco products plus available funds in the Fund for a Healthy Maine or the amount of funding for state tobacco control programs as determined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and recommended for Maine, whichever is less.