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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 406, L.D. 523, Bill, “An Act To Modify the Regulation of Fireworks”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, there is a movement to bring historical artillery pieces to Maine to promote a unique cottage industry for Maine craftspeople that will meet the global demand for antique cannons; and

Whereas, this cottage industry employs workers in shipbuilding trades and creates jobs that help strengthen Maine’s economy; and

Whereas, Maine has a proud and vibrant maritime history that includes the use of signal cannons at sunset, in celebration of our country and during times of nautical celebration; and

Whereas, ceremonial uses of signal, antique and replica cannons for public entertainment, yachting events and historical reenactment promotes tourism; and

Whereas, to promote tourism, this legislation must go into effect before tourism season; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 4 in paragraph C in the 3rd line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~or toy cannons~~" and inserting the following: 'or toy cannons'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 4 in the last paragraph in the last line (page
2 1, line 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "toy" and inserting the following: 'signal'

3 Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

4 **'Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
5 legislation takes effect when approved.'

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment keeps toy cannons in the definition of "fireworks" but excludes
8 signal cannons from the definition of "fireworks" if no projectile is fired.

9 The amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.