

STATE OF MAINE SENATE 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. S-368)

SENATE AMENDMENT" A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A" to S.P. 337, L.D. 1122, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Child Abuse and Neglect Laws."

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the 9th paragraph (relating to the privileged quality of communications) and inserting in its place the following:

'<u>The privileged quality of communications between husband and</u> wife and between any professional person and his patient or his client, except that between attorney and client, is hereby abrogated with respect to the following aspects of known or suspected child abuse or neglect: Reporting as required or permitted by law; cooperating with the department in its child protective activities pursuant to law; or giving or accepting evidence in any judicial proceeding relating to the child abuse or neglect.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment is to clarify an ambiguity in the section dealing with privileged communications.

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