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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " $\mathbf{\hat{H}}$ " to H.P. 548, L.D. 679, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify Sex Discrimination in the Maine Human Rights Act."

Amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'5. Small business exception. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 3, employers with 15 or less employees shall not be required to provide medical benefits because of pregnancy or other medical conditions which result from pregnancy.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to allow small businesses which employ 15 or less persons to treat a woman unable to work due to pregnancy differently from other employees who are not able to work because of a disability or illness.

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