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L.D. 476

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 110TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. H-132)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 429, L.D. 476,

Bill, "AN ACT to Allow Registers of Probate to Aid Persons

Using Probate Courts."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following: 'Except as otherwise provided in this section, a register may not draft or aid in drafting any documents or paper, which he is by law required to record in full or in part, under a penalty of not more than \$100, to be recovered by any complainant in a civil action for his benefit or by indictment for the benefit of the county. A register may aid in drafting applications in informal proceedings, petitions or sworn statements relating to the closing of decedents' estates which have not been contested prior to closing, applications for change of name and petitions for guardians or minors. No register nor any employee of the Probate Court may charge fees or accept anything of value for assisting in the drafting of any documents to be used or filed in the court of which he is the register or an employee.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the original bill.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Judiciary. Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.