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

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A " TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A " to H.P. 864, L.D. 1025, Bill, "AN ACT to Protect Privacy in Divorce Child and/Custody Actions."

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the first paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

'19 MRSA §695 is enacted to read:

§695. Divorce or custody proceedings

In a divorce action or an action for child custody under this chapter, the court shall exclude the public from the court proceedings. Only the parties, their attorneys, court officers and witnesses may be present.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment will require all divorce and child custody proceedings to be private, but the records of that proceeding will continue to be public.

Filed by Mr. Cunningham of New Gloucester. Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.