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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 338, L.D. 454, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Crime of Rendering a Telephone Inoperable during a Domestic Violence Incident"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Expand the Warrantless Arrest Law and to Establish the Crime of Obstructing the Report of a Crime or Injury'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §15, sub-§1, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1999, c. 127, Pt. A, §33, is amended by amending subparagraph (5-A) to read:

(5-A) Assault, criminal threatening, terrorizing, stalking, criminal mischief, obstructing the report of a crime or injury or reckless conduct if the officer reasonably believes that the person and the victim are family or household members, as defined in Title 15, section 321;

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §758 is enacted to read:

§758. Obstructing report of crime or injury

1. A person is guilty of obstructing the report of a crime or injury if that person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly

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2 damages, disables, removes or uses physical force or intimidation
to block access to a telephone, radio or other electronic
4 communication device with the intent to obstruct, prevent or
interfere with another person's report to a law enforcement
6 agency or request for an ambulance or emergency medical
assistance to a governmental agency, hospital, physician or other
medical service provider. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT