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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1330, L.D. 1859, Bill, "An Act To Increase Access to Justice and Maine's Rural Lawyer Workforce by Expanding Student Attorney Practice Opportunities"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶S, as affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 and amended by c. 449, §2, is further amended to read:

S. An individual who is the sole member of a limited liability company or is a member of a limited liability company that is owned by a married couple, registered domestic partners or an individual and that individual's issue as defined in Title 18-C, section 1-201, subsection 27 who is not an attorney but is appearing for that company in an action for forcible entry and detainer pursuant to Title 14, chapter 709; or

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶T, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 449, §3, is amended to read:

T. A marine patrol officer who is not an attorney but is representing the Department of Marine Resources in a libel proceeding before a District Court under Title 12, section 6207; or

Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶U is enacted to read:

U. Practice, pursuant to a rule of the Supreme Judicial Court, by a law student enrolled in a law school accredited by the American Bar Association.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

Current law authorizes senior law students to appear in court on behalf of the State or under the supervision of a legal services organization approved by the Supreme Judicial Court. The bill changes the eligibility to cover law students who have completed at least

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1 3 full semesters of law school. This amendment replaces that portion of the bill and
2 instead provides an exception to the unauthorized practice of law for practice by a law
3 student enrolled in a law school accredited by the American Bar Association when the
4 practice is pursuant to a rule of the Supreme Judicial Court.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 1859

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-690)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Judicial Branch are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.