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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1115, L.D. 1406, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Innkeepers, Victualers and Lodging Houses."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated "§2701." of section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'§2701. Fraud by guest or customer

Whoever obtains food, lodging or other accommodations at any hotel, inn, boardinghouse, campground or eating house, with intent to defraud the owner or keeper thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than ~~\$100~~ \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 3 11 months.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end of section 2 the following new sentence:

'A campground operator or keeper shall post a copy at the place of registration.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 5th line of section 3 (4th and 5th lines in L.D.) the underlined words "minimum and"

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by striking out in the last 2 lines (same in L.D.) the underlined words "sum so charged or collected in excess of the posted rate schedule" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'total amount of the bill collected'

Further amend said Bill in section 5 by inserting after the underlined words in the 4th line "house keeper" the underlined comma and words ', campground operator or keeper' (same in L.D.)

Further amend said Bill in section 6 by inserting after the underlined words "lodging house" in lines 4 and 11 (4th and 10th lines in L.D.) the following underlined comma and word ', campground'

Statement of Fact

This amendment includes campground operators in the bill, removes the requirement to post a minimum room charge and increases the penalty for overcharging for a room.

This amendment also reduces the penalty for fraud in this case from a felony to a misdemeanor.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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