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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 1898, L.D. 2078, Bill,
"AN ACT to Amend the Mandatory Reporting Law on Child Abuse and
Neglect."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3853, last sentence, as enacted by
PL 1965, c. 68 and as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 167, §1,
is repealed.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3853, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 68,
and as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 167, §1, is amended
by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

This section does not require any person to report when the
factual basis for knowing or suspecting child abuse or neglect
came from treatment of the individual for suspected child
abuse or neglect, the treatment was sought by the individual
for a problem relating to child abuse or neglect and in the
opinion of the person required to report, the child's life or
health is not immediately threatened.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment clarifies those situations in which a person
is not required to report a case of child abuse.

Reported by the Committee on Human Resources.

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