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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 416,
L.D. 523, Bill, "AN ACT to Require that Persons or Agencies Plac-
ing Unrelated Children for Adoption be Licensed."

Amend the Amendment by striking out all of the 4th paragraph
and inserting in its place the following:

'Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, any
written consent for a child to be adopted shall be given in front
of the judge of probate or other person designated by the judge
for that purpose, unless one of the petitioners to adopt the child
is a blood relative of the child or unless the petitioners have
received the child from the Department of Human Services or from
a licensed adoption agency. Before this consent is given, the
effect of the consent shall be fully explained by the judge or
other designated person to the person giving the consent. Before
allowing the consent, the judge or other designated person shall
make a determination that the consent is freely and knowledgeably
given.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to allow / ^{the} probate judge to
designate another person to be present for the consent of a
natural parent to have his child adopted by a person who is not a

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blood relative. This amendment is necessary because it will not always be possible for the natural parents to appear in court.

This Amendment is to clarify a section in the ~~Committee Amend-~~ment.

Filed by Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick.

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