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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-121)  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 517, L.D. 635, Bill,  
"AN ACT Relating to Corporal Punishment."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of section 1 and  
inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §106, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1975,  
c. 499, §1, is amended to read:

1. A parent, foster parent, guardian, teacher or other  
similar person responsible for the long term general care and  
welfare of a person is justified in using a reasonable degree  
of force against such person when and to the extent that he  
reasonably believes it necessary to prevent or punish such  
person's misconduct. A person to whom such parent, foster  
parent, guardian, teacher or other responsible person has  
expressly delegated permission to so prevent or punish  
misconduct is similarly justified in using a reasonable degree  
of force.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to identify teachers as  
those persons being permitted to impose corporal punishment.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Education

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