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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 704, L.D. 885, Bill,
"AN ACT to Provide for Visitation Rights for Grandparents of
Children Involved in Divorce or Custody Proceedings."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and insert-
ing in its place the following: 'AN ACT Relating to Visitation
Rights.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'19 MRSA §752, 1st 2 sentences, are repealed and the
following enacted in their place:

The court making an order of nullity or of divorce may make
an order concerning the care, custody and support of and rights
of visitation with the minor children of the parties and with which
parents any of them shall live, or grant the care and custody
of and rights of visitation with the children to a 3rd person or
to some suitable society or institution for the care and protection
of children or to the Department of Human Services. It may alter
its order concerning the care, custody and support of and
rights of visitation with the minor children from time to time
as circumstances require, whether or not either parent be then
living, upon motion of either party, such society or institution
as aforesaid, the Department of Human Services, any 3rd
person to whom care, custody or the right of visitation has been
granted, any blood relative or any person standing in loco parentis
to the minor children; change the name of the wife, at her
request; and in execution of the powers given it under this Title
may employ any compulsory process which it deems proper, by

execution, attachment or other effectual form, on which costs shall be taxed as in other actions.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment is intended to clarify a questionable area of the law. It places specific references to visitation rights in the statute dealing with custody and support of minor children in divorce cases. It clarifies the authority of the courts in these matters and is intended to achieve the same result as the original bill.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Judiciary.

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