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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1474, L.D. 1712, Bill, "AN ACT to Encourage Restitution."

Amend the bill in Section 4 in that part designated "§1321." by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

'The Legislature recognizes that a crime is an offense against society as a whole, not only against the victim of the crime, and that restitution for victims is therefore ancillary to the central objectives of the criminal law. It intends restitution to be applied only when other purposes of sentencing can be appropriately served.

The Legislature does not intend the use of restitution to result in preferential treatment for offenders with substantial financial resources.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the Legislature's intent and to give guidance to the courts on how restitution should be applied.

Filed by Mr. Henderson of Bangor.

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