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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-23)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 4, L.D. 10, Bill, "AN ACT
Relating to the Liability of Parents for Damage by Children."

Amend the Bill in the Title by inserting after the words
"of Parents" the words 'or Legal Guardians'

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

'§217. Liability of parents or legal guardians for damage by children

The parents or legal guardians of any minor who is between
7 and 17 years of age and is living with his parents or legal
guardians, which minor willfully or maliciously causes damage
to any property or injury to any person, shall be jointly and
severally liable with the minor for that damage or injury in an
amount not exceeding \$800, if the minor would have been liable
for the damage or injury if he had been an adult. Nothing in
this section shall be construed to relieve the minor from personal
liability for that damage or injury.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment changes the bill to place an \$800 limit on
or legal guardian's
the parent's/liability for their children's damage. The present
statute places the limit at \$250.

This amendment also corrects the language.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Judiciary
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