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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 9, L.D. 18, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Eating, Lodging and Recreational Places Licensing Law."

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2491, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 496, §3, is amended to read:

1. Camping area. "Camping area" means, in addition to the general accepted interpretations, seashore resorts, lakeshore places, picnic and lunch grounds or other premises where ~~trailers, tents, auto-homes or house-cars~~ recreational vehicles are permitted to be parked for compensation either directly or indirectly.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2492, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 496, §3, is amended by inserting at the end the following new paragraph:

Whenever a camping area consists of 5 or more tents or recreational vehicles on a commercial lot it shall be presumed that the owner or renter of the lot is receiving compensation for the use of a camping area. This presumption shall be negated if the owner or renter presents a preponderance of evidence to the contrary.'

Statement of Fact

The intent of this amendment is to simplify the definition of "camping area" and to create a statutory presumption that any commercial lot being used by 5 or more campers is a "camping area." The purpose of these changes is to assist the Department of Human Services in enforcing its licensing law.

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