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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 65, L.D. 73, Bill, "AN ACT
Concerning the Crime of Prostitution."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the first paragraph
after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the
following:

'17-A MRSA §853-A, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1,
is repealed and the following enacted in its place:'

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end before
the statement of fact, the following:

'2. Any person who engages in prostitution commits a civil
violation for which a forfeiture not to exceed \$250 may be adjudged.

3. No person shall be convicted of engaging in prostitution
unless it is alleged and proved that / the person took a substantial
step toward commission of the crime. A substantial step
is any conduct which, under the circumstances in which it
occurs, is strongly corroborative of the firmness of the
actor's intent to complete commission of the crime; provided
that speech alone may not constitute a substantial step.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides:

1. That engaging in prostitution is a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$250 may be adjudged; and
2. That no person may be convicted of engaging in prostitution unless it is alleged and proved that ^{the person} / took a substantial step toward commission of the crime.

Filed by Mr. Howe of So. Portland.
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