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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 110TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 458, L.D. 504, Bill, "AN ACT to Ease the Enforcement of Judgments."

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

'14 MRSA §4651, as amended by PL 1965, c. 182, §455, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

The filing with a registry of deeds of an execution, or an attested copy thereof, issued by any court of competent jurisdiction shall create a lien in favor of each judgment creditor upon the right, title and interest of each judgment debtor in so much of the judgment debtor's real estate which is not exempt from attachment and execution as will satisfy the judgment, together with interest and costs and which is lying within the county in which the registry of deeds is located. A lien created by this paragraph is void unless the judgment creditor notifies the judgment debtor, by certified mail to his last known address, of the existence of the lien. The notice shall contain the following:

- l. Filing of lien. The fact that a lien has been
 filed;
- 2. Date and place of filing. The date and place the lien was filed;
- 3. Amount of debt or damage. The amount of the debt or damage contained in the execution;

- 4. Name of judgment creditor. The name of the judgment creditor and, if desired, his attorney, including their addresses; and
- 5. Statement. The following statement: "To dissolve this lien, please contact (the creditor or his attorney)."'

Statement of Fact

This amendment clarifies the fact that the lien is subject to the homestead exemption. It also provides a requirement for notice of the lien to the debtor.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

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