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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 507, L.D. 1434, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning the Investigative Authority of the Attorney General and Related Provision."

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§200-E." by inserting after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read:

'This section does not preclude the medical examiner from directly inspecting or obtaining any medical records pertaining to a case under his jurisdiction. The records shall be promptly provided to the medical examiner or his designated pathologist acting in the regular course of inquiry or study as provided in Title 22, section 3028. When the records are incorporated into the files of the medical examiner or Office of Chief Medical Examiner they are —> confidential and not available to public inspection.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:

'If the Chief Medical Examiner or employees of his office, at their discretion, provide expert opinion or testimony relating to Maine ~~Medical Examiner~~ cases on behalf of private litigants, the Chief Medical Examiner may, at his discretion, set a reasonable fee for these services, preparation leading to them and expenses

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incurred in providing them. All fees, charges or other receipts shall be credited to the General Fund. Medical examiners and consultants who serve the State on a fee per case basis are excluded from this <sup>paragraph</sup> and may make private arrangements for these services.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment is designed to clarify the original provisions of the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.

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