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L.D. 1696

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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 658, L.D. 1696, Bill, "AN ACT to Allow Justices of the Superior Court to Act on Requests for Preliminary Child Protection Orders."

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, rapid receipt of preliminary protection orders in child protection proceedings is essential in protecting children from abuse and neglect; and

Whereas, it is sometimes difficult for those seeking to protect a child to find a District Court or Probate Court Judge available to issue the emergency, temporary protection order; and

Whereas, the availability of judges to issue these temporary orders would be increased if the Superior Court had authority to act in these emergency situations; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency

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1 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect  
2 when approved.'

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 The purpose of this amendment is to make this  
5 bill emergency legislation.

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Reported by Sen. Chalmers for the Committee on Judiciary.  
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