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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1430, L.D. 2021, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify the Law to Provide for Notice to the Mother When an Individual Acknowledges Paternity of a Child Born Out of Wedlock."

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

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'22 MRSA §2761, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 188, is amended to read:

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4. Illegitimate child. In Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in the case of a child conceived and born out of wedlock, the name of the putative father shall not be entered on the certificate without his written consent. The signature of the putative father on the written consent shall be acknowledged before an official authorized to take oaths. However, if Within a reasonable time after the acknowledgement, the official taking the acknowledgement shall make a good faith effort to notify the mother of the child for whom paternity has been acknowledged. Notification shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by in hand notice. If a determination of paternity has been made by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the name of the father as determined by the court shall be entered on the birth certificate without the father's consent.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This amendment requires an official taking an ac-
3 knowledge of paternity for a child conceived and
4 born out of wedlock to make a good faith effort to
5 notify the mother of the child of the acknowledgement
6 by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by in
7 hand notice.

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