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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*B*" to H.P. 457, L.D. 622, Bill, "An Act to Require Parental Consent to a Minor's Abortion"

Amend the bill in subsection 3 in paragraph A in the 2nd line (page 1, line 51 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "District Court" and inserting in its place the following: 'Probate Court'

Further amend the bill in subsection 3 in paragraph A in the 3rd line from the end (page 2, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "child" and inserting in its place the following: 'minor'

Further amend the bill in subsection 3 in paragraph A by inserting at the end a new sentence to read: 'The petition is a confidential record and the court files on the petition shall be impounded.'

Further amend the bill in subsection 3 in paragraph B in the first line (page 2, line 15 in L.D.) by inserting before the following: "hearing" the following: 'closed'

Further amend the bill in subsection 3 in paragraph B in the 3rd line by inserting after the first sentence (page 2, line 17 in L.D.) a new sentence to read: 'The general public shall be excluded from the hearing, and only necessary court officers or personnel, the parties, counsel and necessary witnesses may be present at the hearing.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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5 This amendment provides that the minor's petition, the
7 records concerning the petition and the hearing on the petition
are not public and are confidential. It also requires the
petition to be filed in Probate Court.

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The amendment also clarifies that a guardian can be
appointed for the pregnant minor.

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