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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 847, L.D. 1179, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Rights of a Father to Bring a Paternity Action"

Amend the bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) the following:

'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the bill in the 4th line after the enacting clause (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by inserting before the underlined word "father" the following: 'alleged'

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

'Sec. 2. 19 MRSA §280-A, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 652, §9, is amended to read:

§280-A. Rebuttal of presumption

An alleged father or a mother may rebut the presumption of paternity contained in section 280, subsection 1, paragraph D, by clear and convincing evidence.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment clarifies that a person claiming to be the father may initiate a paternity action. It also gives the mother the same opportunity to rebut the presumption of paternity based on blood and tissue tests that an alleged father has.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary  
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