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L.D. 1556

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 553, L.D. 1556, Bill, "An Act to Provide Additional Protection in Cases of Domestic Abuse"

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

'Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §321, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 619, is amended to read:

4. Issuance of order. The clerk may issue, without fee, a copy of a protective order, amendment or revocation to the offender, the victim and, ~~as the court directs,~~ to the law enforcement agencies most likely to enforce it as determined by the court.

Sec. 2. 19 MRSA §767, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 677, §14, is amended to read:

§767. Notification

The clerk shall issue, without fee, a copy of an order, agreement, amendment or revocation to the plaintiff, the defendant and, ~~as the court directs,~~ to the law enforcement agencies most likely to enforce it as determined by the court.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the text of the bill. The purpose is to ensure that law enforcement agencies are aware of the existence of protection orders so that their responses to further domestic violence situations will be appropriate.

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This amendment, by removing the court's discretion in ordering notification of law enforcement agencies when a protection order is issued, requires the court clerk to send a notice of the protection order to those law enforcement agencies most likely to enforce it. The court will make the determination of which law enforcement agencies will be most likely to enforce the order. Law enforcement officers in responding to subsequent reports will have the information available to accurately evaluate the seriousness of the situation.

Reported by Senator Gauvreau for the Committee on Judiciary.
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