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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 302, L.D. 423, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Disclosure of Information in Medical Support Recoupment and Child Support Cases"

Amend the bill in section 1, in subsection 9 in the first and 2nd lines (page 1, lines 14 and 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "request or" and inserting in its place the following: 'request-er'

Further amend the bill in section 2, in subsection 10 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 23 in L.D.) by inserting before the word "refusal" the following: 'knowing' and in the 3rd line (page 1, line 24 in L.D.) by inserting before the word "refusal" the following: 'knowing'

Further amend the bill in section 2, in subsection 10 in paragraph B in the first line (page 1, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Refusal" and inserting in its place the following: 'Knowing refusal'

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

FISCAL NOTE

The additional workload and administrative costs associated with minimal number of new cases filed in District Court will be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. There may also be an increase in General Fund revenue from the collection of additional fines.

The expanded capability of the Department of Human Services

2 to gather information from other parties may result in increased
child support collections.'

4 STATEMENT OF FACT

6 This amendment removes the requirement that the Department
of Human Services notify responsible parents when it requests
8 from other parties information regarding the responsible
parents. The amendment also specifies that in order to be
10 subject to penalties for refusal to disclose information, a
refusal to disclose must be a knowing refusal.

12 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Human Resources
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