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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 275, L.D. 377, Bill, "An Act to Extend to Businesses the Laws Concerning Protection from Harassment"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 in the last line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "speech" the following: 'or by labor relations laws'

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system. The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional filing fees may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment revises the definition of "harassment" to ensure that activities protected by labor relations laws are not considered acts of harassment. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.