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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 22, L.D. 20, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Law Concerning Evictions from Mobile Home Parks"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph B in the first line (page 1, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "family members,"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph C in the first line (page 1, line 39 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "family members,"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph D in the first 2 lines (page 1, lines 43 and 44 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "family members,"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph E in the first line (page 1, line 48 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "family members,"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph I in the first line (page 2, line 46 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "family members,"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph I in the 7th line (page 3, line 1 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "family members, cohobitees guests" and inserting in its place the following: 'cohabitees, guests'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**FISCAL NOTE**

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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.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment removes reference to family members from the bill. As a result of this change, a mobile home park tenant can not be evicted from the mobile home park for the actions of a family member unless the family member is also a cohabitee, a guest or an invitee of the tenant. This alleviates concern that a tenant could be evicted for the actions of a family member who the tenant has not invited and does not control, such as an abusive spouse. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.