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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 771, L.D. 2098, Bill, "An Act to Improve the Integrity of Notaries Public"

Amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§955-C." in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraph D and inserting in its place the following:

'D. The notary public has been convicted of a crime as defined by rules adopted by the Secretary of State. These rules must provide that a conviction for perjury, false swearing, bribery, corrupt practices or forgery or related offenses may be a basis for the Secretary of State to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the commission of a notary public. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

The additional costs associated with investigating complaints of notarial acts and holding hearings can be absorbed by the Department of the Secretary of State utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

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4 This amendment provides that the Secretary of State may
6 adopt rules regarding the commission of a notary public after
8 that notary public has been convicted of a crime. These rules
 must provide that a conviction for perjury, false swearing,
 bribery, corrupt practices or forgery or related offenses may be
 a basis for the Secretary of State to suspend, revoke or refuse
 to renew the commission of a notary public.