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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 415, L.D. 557, Bill, "An Act to Prohibit the Surveillance of the Interior of Dressing Rooms"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Prohibit Surveillance of Dressing Rooms, Bathrooms and Similar Places'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §511, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:

2. As used in this section, "private place" means a place where one may reasonably expect to be safe from surveillance, including, but not limited to, changing or dressing rooms, bathrooms and similar places, but does-not-include excluding a place to which the public or a substantial group has access.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class D crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$82.48 per day per prisoner. These costs are

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2 not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may
3 result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county
4 jail system are expected to be insignificant.

6 The additional workload, administrative costs and indigent
7 defense costs associated with the minimal number of new cases
8 filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted
9 resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of
10 additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor
11 amounts.'

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13 **SUMMARY**

14 The amendment replaces and retitles the bill. The amendment
15 clarifies that "private place" for purposes of the crime of
16 violation of privacy includes changing or dressing rooms,
17 bathrooms and similar places. The amendment also adds a fiscal
18 note.