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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 918, L.D. 1244, Bill, "An Act To Increase the Penalties for a Person Who Vandalizes Cemetery Property"

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 §507-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 326, §2, is amended to read:

3. Any person who violates subsection 1 commits a Class D crime. In addition to any other penalty, the court shall impose a sentencing alternative involving restitution for all damages, except as provided in section 1325, subsection 2, and shall, at the request of the cemetery owner, impose community service work for the cemetery. Any conditions of community service to be performed at the cemetery must be agreed to by the cemetery owner.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This amendment strikes provisions of the bill that provide mandatory penalties that a court shall impose on a juvenile adjudicated of vandalizing a cemetery. The amendment maintains mandatory penalties for adults convicted of vandalizing a cemetery. In addition to any other penalty allowed by law, the court shall require the violator to pay restitution and to perform community

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2 service for the owner of the cemetery if the owner requests that  
community service work be performed.

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