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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1319, L.D. 1797, Bill, "An Act To Clarify the Standards for Granting a Name Change"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection (e) (page 1, lines 5 to 8 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'(e) The judge may require the person seeking a name change to undergo one or more of the following background checks: a criminal history record check; a motor vehicle record check; or a credit check. The judge may require the person to pay the cost of each background check required.'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the Probate Court judge has authority to require certain background checks of any person seeking a name change. The judge may require the person to pay for the background checks.

This amendment is consistent with In re Reben, 342 A.2d 688 (Me. 1975) and is not intended to restrict the authority of the Probate Court.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT