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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 309, L.D. 424, Bill, "An Act To Exempt Certain Religious, Nonpublic, Postsecondary Institutions from Licensure"

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

'An Act To Exempt Certain Religious, Nonpublic, Postsecondary Institutions from State Requirements for Degree-granting Authority'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4 in the blocked paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 43 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "section." the following: 'Any educational institution receiving an exemption under this subsection must inform all applicants of its exempt status in writing and must prominently display the following statement on all written materials, including, but not limited to, any electronic materials, made available to potential applicants or to the general public: "Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 10708, subsection 4, this institution is not required to obtain authorization from either the State Board of Education or the Maine State Legislature in order to: (1) use the name "junior college," "college" or "university," (2) offer courses or programs for academic credit or (3) confer degrees."'

SUMMARY

This amendment adjusts the title of the bill to more accurately reflect the purpose of the state review of prospective

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2 postsecondary educational institutions. The amendment also
requires that the religious, nonpublic, educational institutions
4 that receive an exemption from the state degree-granting
requirements, including an exemption from review by the State
6 Board of Education and authorization from the Legislature,
provide a consumer protection notice on all written materials
made available to potential applicants or to the general public.

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