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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT 'A' to H.P. 1271, L.D. 1831, Bill, "An Act To Allow Law Enforcement Agencies To Maintain Public Sex Offender Registry Websites"

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

'An Act To Allow Law Enforcement Agencies To Maintain Sex Offender Websites for Public Use'

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. 34-A MRSA §11221, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 423, §13, is amended to read:

11. Maintenance by bureau. Only the bureau may is authorized to maintain a sex offender registry on the Internet for purposes of public access as described in subsection 9. Law enforcement--agencies--may--maintain--their--own--sex--offender registries--for--internal--use--only--by--those--agencies--and--may provide-a-link-to-the-bureau's-Internet-sex-offender-registry.

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §11221, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Law enforcement agency website. A law enforcement agency may maintain its own sex offender website and may make that information available for use by the public if:

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2 A. A notice is prominently posted on the website that
3 expressly states that the website is not the official state
4 sex offender registry under subsection 1 and that the law
5 enforcement agency posting the website is solely responsible
6 for the website's content;

7 B. The website provides a link to the bureau's Internet sex
8 offender registry under subsection 1;

9 C. The website contains information regarding only
10 registrants who are domiciled, reside, attend college or
11 school or work within the posting law enforcement agency's
12 jurisdiction; and

13 D. The information on the website is updated by the law
14 enforcement agency as frequently as available resources
15 permit, but no less than every 7 days. The law enforcement
16 agency shall also prominently post on the website the date
17 and time of the most recent update to the website.'
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22 SUMMARY

23 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment clarifies
24 that only the Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of
25 Identification may maintain a state sex offender registry on the
26 Internet but authorizes law enforcement agencies to maintain
27 their own sex offender websites for internal use and for use by
28 the public if certain conditions are met. Specifically, in order
29 to make a sex offender website available to the public, a law
30 enforcement agency must post on its website that the website is
31 not the official state sex offender registry and that the law
32 enforcement agency posting the website is solely responsible for
33 the website's content; provide a link to the bureau's Internet
34 sex offender registry; post information regarding only 10-year
35 and lifetime registrants who are domiciled, reside, attend
36 college or school or work within the posting law enforcement
37 agency's jurisdiction; update the information on the website as
38 frequently as possible, but no less than every 7 days; and
39 prominently display the date and time of the most recent update.
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