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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 438, L.D. 670, “An Act to Address Coercive Control in Domestic Abuse Cases”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4102, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is amended to read:

C. Compelling a person by force, threat of force, coercion or intimidation:

(1) To engage in conduct from which the person has a right or privilege to abstain;
or

(2) To abstain from conduct in which the person has a right to engage;'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. The amendment amends the definition of "abuse" for purposes of the protection from abuse laws to include compelling a person by coercion to engage in conduct from which the person has a right or privilege to abstain or to abstain from conduct in which the person has a right to engage.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)