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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1346, L.D. 1804, “An Act To Provide Consistency in the Laws Regarding Domestic Partners”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 20 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 20. 22 MRSA §2843-A, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2015, c. 208, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1-A) to read:

(1-A) A domestic partner. For purposes of this section, "domestic partner" means ~~the partner of the subject who:~~ a registered domestic partner or one of 2 unmarried adults who had been domiciled together under long-term arrangements that evidenced a commitment to remain responsible indefinitely for each other's welfare, including evidence of an emotional, physical or financial relationship with the subject similar to that of a spouse;

- ~~(a) Is a mentally competent adult;~~
- ~~(b) Had been legally domiciled with the subject for at least 12 months immediately preceding the death of the subject;~~
- ~~(c) Is not legally married to or legally separated from another individual;~~
- ~~(d) Was the sole partner of the subject; and~~
- ~~(e) Was jointly responsible with the subject for each other's common welfare as evidenced by joint living arrangements, joint financial arrangements or joint ownership of real or personal property;'~~

Amend the bill in section 24 in paragraph C in the first line (page 5, line 10 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "decendent" the following: 'For purposes of this section, "domestic partner" means a registered domestic partner or one of 2 unmarried adults who had been domiciled together under long-term arrangements that evidenced a commitment to remain responsible indefinitely for each other's welfare, including evidence of an emotional, physical or financial relationship with the decedent similar to that of a spouse'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 41 the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

