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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 537, L.D. 786, Bill, “An Act To Ensure the Voluntary Membership of Public Employees in Unions”

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

'An Act To Protect “Fair Share” Workers from Unauthorized Withholding of Agency Fees'

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

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §629, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by PL 2007, c. 524, §1, is repealed.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, changes the bill title, strikes the bill and replaces it with the repeal of the provision currently in statute that allows public employers to deduct service fees owed by an employee to a collective bargaining agent pursuant to a lawful collective bargaining agreement, and to remit those fees to the bargaining agent, without signed authorization from the employee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT