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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 605, L.D. 831, Bill, “An Act To Ensure Grandparents and Great-grandparents Have Visitation Rights”

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

**'An Act Concerning Visitation Rights of Great-grandparents'**

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

**'Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1801**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

**§1801. Short title**

This chapter is known and may be cited as the "Grandparents and Great-grandparents Visitation Act."

**Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §1802, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. C, §37 and affected by Pt. F, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Grandparent.** "Grandparent" is a parent of a child's parent or the parent of the parent of a child's parent. "Grandparent" includes a parent of a child's parent whose parental rights have been terminated pursuant to Title 18-C, section 9-204 or Title 22, chapter 1071, subchapter 6, but only until the child's adoption.

**Sec. 3. Maine Revised Statutes headnote amended; revision clause.** In the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, chapter 59, in the chapter headnote, the words "visitation rights of grandparents" are amended to read "visitation rights of grandparents and great-grandparents" and the Revisor of Statutes shall implement this revision when updating, publishing or republishing the statutes.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment strikes the bill, which is a concept draft, and replaces the title accordingly. It amends the definition of "grandparent" in the Grandparents Visitation Act to include great-grandparents. It also amends the title of the chapter of the statutes and the short title of the Act to include great-grandparents. This amendment does not affect the standing requirements or the standard for awarding visiting rights.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**