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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 647, L.D. 880, Bill, “An Act To Protect Minors from Questioning by Private Investigators”

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §8113, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2001, c. 298, §5, is further amended to read:

7. Employment of prohibited person. Employment, in connection with a private investigation business, in any capacity, of any person who has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for one year or more or any former licensee whose license has been revoked; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §8113, sub-§8, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 207, §2, is amended to read:

8. Representations that licensee is sworn peace officer. Representation by the licensee ~~which that~~ suggests, or ~~which that~~ would reasonably cause another person to believe, that ~~he~~ the licensee is a sworn peace officer of this State, any political subdivision of this State, any other state or of the Federal Government; or

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §8113, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Unpermitted contact with a child. Contact or communication with a child who has not attained 14 years of age regarding a private investigation if that contact or communication includes conduct with the intent to harass, torment, intimidate or threaten a child.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and amends the provision of law regarding the refusal, suspension and revocation of a private investigator's license to add new grounds that allow the Commissioner of Public Safety to refuse to issue or renew a license and allow the District Court to suspend or revoke the license of a private investigator. The

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1 grounds are that a private investigator contacts or communicates with a child who has not
2 attained 14 years of age regarding a private investigation if that contact or communication
3 by the private investigator includes conduct with the intent to harass, torment, intimidate
4 or threaten a child.