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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 259, L.D. 814, Bill, “An Act Regarding Court Orders for Completion of a Batterers' Intervention Program in Domestic Violence Cases”

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 9 in the first line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "abuse" and inserting the following: 'violence'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 9 in the last line (page 1, line 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "abuse" and inserting the following: 'violence'

Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 6 in the 8th line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "program." the following: 'If a plea agreement submitted to the court in accordance with Rule 11A(b) of the Maine Rules of Unified Criminal Procedure does not contain a provision ordering the person to complete a batterers' intervention program, the attorney for the State shall indicate, in a writing submitted to the court, the basis for the plea agreement's not including completion of a batterers' intervention program as a condition of probation.

SUMMARY

This amendment amends the bill as follows:

1. To ensure consistency within the Maine Criminal Code, it replaces the term "domestic abuse" with the term "domestic violence"; and
2. It clarifies the responsibility of the attorney for the State when submitting a plea agreement to the court as it relates to the participation of the person subject to the plea agreement in a certified batterers' intervention program.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT