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Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 5-A in paragraph A in the first line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and" and inserting the following: 'of the types and an'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 5-A in paragraph C in the first line (page 1, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "A statement" and inserting the following: 'A brief statement'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 5-A in paragraph D in the first line (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "alternative" and inserting the following: ', reasonable alternative'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

‘Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §8057-A, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 574, §7, is amended to read:

D. An analysis of the rule, ~~including a description of how the agency considers whether the rule would impose an economic burden on small business as described in section 8052, subsection 5-A.~~

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies the language of the bill that requires agencies to prepare economic impact statements of proposed rules on small businesses. The amendment clarifies that the statement will identify the types of small businesses subject to the rule, that the statement will be brief and that reasonable alternatives will be described rather than all alternatives. The amendment also repeals a similar but voluntary requirement in current law to prevent two parallel processes.