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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 812, L.D. 1179, Bill, “An Act To Prohibit the Selling of Humans”

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

'An Act To Prohibit Certain Payments with Respect to an Adoption'

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

'Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §553-A is enacted to read:

§553-A. Illegal payment with respect to an adoption

- 1. A person is guilty of illegal payment with respect to an adoption if that person:**
 - A. Is the parent of a child or is a person whose consent is required pursuant to Title 18-A, section 9-302 and, in return for placing that child for adoption, intentionally or knowingly solicits or receives monetary payment or other valuable consideration that is not authorized by Title 18-A, section 9-306; or**
 - B. With the intent of adopting a child, intentionally or knowingly provides, or offers to provide, the parent of that child or the person whose consent is required pursuant to Title 18-A, section 9-302 with monetary payment or other valuable consideration that is not authorized by Title 18-A, section 9-306.**
- 2. Violation of this section is a Class D crime.'**

SUMMARY

This amendment provides a new title for the bill, replaces the bill and prohibits, within the context of an adoption of a child, any payment that is not authorized under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18-A, section 9-306.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT