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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 918, L.D. 1252, “An Act To Improve Family Day Care Providers by Increasing the Number of Children Allowed To Be Cared For without Obtaining Certification”

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8301-A, sub-§1-A, ¶C, as amended by PL 2021, c. 35, §17, is further amended to read:

C. "Family child care provider" means a person who provides day care in that person's home on a regular basis, for consideration, for 3 to 12 children under 13 years of age who are not the children of the provider or who are not residing in the provider's home. If a provider is caring for children living in that provider's home and is caring for no more than 2 3 other children, the provider is not required to be licensed as a family child care provider.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §8301-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 35, §18, is further amended to read:

3. Family child care provider licensure. A family child care provider shall pay the licensing fee required under section 8303-A. A family child care provider must be licensed under this chapter and shall comply with the rules adopted by the commissioner under section 8302-A and the fire safety requirements of section 8304-A. The department shall make at least one unannounced inspection of a family child care provider licensed under this chapter during the term of the license. The inspection must take place between 6 and 18 months after the issuance of the license. Notwithstanding the limit of 3 other children a provider may care for in the provider's home without being required to be licensed as a family child care provider as permitted in subsection 1-A, paragraph C, a provider who is not licensed as a family child care provider may care for a 4th child if at least 2 of the children being cared for are siblings.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, updates the statutes amended in the bill to reflect changes made in Public Law 2021, chapter 35.