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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1071, L.D. 1455, “An Act To Support Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Exploitation”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §853-A, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the person engaged in prostitution to prevent bodily injury, serious economic hardship or another threat to the person or another person.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It changes the bill to provide that it is a defense, not an affirmative defense, to the crime of engaging in prostitution that the person engaged in prostitution to prevent bodily injury, serious economic hardship or another threat to the person or another person.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT