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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 685, L.D. 1724, Bill, “An Act To Conform Licensing Requirements for Real Estate Appraisers with Federal Law”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §14021, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Fingerprinting. In accordance with standards adopted by the appraiser qualifications board, an applicant shall submit a set of the applicant's fingerprints, taken by a law enforcement officer, and any other information necessary for a statewide and nationwide criminal history record check to be completed by the Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Identification and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, commencing at the time determined by the appraiser qualifications board. All costs associated with the criminal history record check are the responsibility of the applicant and must be submitted with the fingerprints. Criminal history records provided to the board of real estate appraisers are confidential and may only be used to determine an applicant's eligibility for licensure. The subject of a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check may obtain a copy of a criminal history record check by following the procedures outlined in 28 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 16.32 and 16.33. The subject of a state criminal record check may inspect and review criminal history record information pursuant to Title 16, section 709.'

Amend the bill in section 7 in §14035-A in the first paragraph in the last line (page 2, line 35 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "examination." the following: 'An applicant must apply for a certified general real property appraiser license within 24 months of successfully completing the examination.'

Amend the bill in section 10 in §14036-A in the first paragraph in the last line (page 3, line 37 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "examination." the following: 'An applicant must apply for a certified residential real property appraiser license within 24 months of successfully completing the examination.'

Amend the bill in section 13 in §14037-A in the first paragraph in the last line (page 4, line 23 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "examination." the following: 'An

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1 applicant must apply for a residential real property appraiser license within 24 months of
2 successfully completing the examination.'

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment removes the provision in the bill that requires an applicant for
5 licensure to be fingerprinted and submit to a background check and replaces it with
6 language that requires an applicant to submit a set of the applicant's fingerprints,
7 commencing upon the date determined by the appraiser qualifications board, the entity
8 charged with establishing the qualification criteria for state licensing, certification and
9 recertification of real property appraisers. It also requires an applicant to apply for
10 licensure within 24 months of successfully completing the examination for a certified
11 general real property, certified residential real property or residential real property
12 appraiser license.

13 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

14 **(See attached)**