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L.D. 1847
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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
110TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 779, L.D. 1847, Bill, "AN ACT to Require Mandatory Reporting of Elderly Abuse."

Amend the amendment in section 2 by striking out all of that part designated "§3477."

Further amend the amendment in section 2 in that part designated "§3478." in subsection 1, first paragraph, 8th line (page 2, lines 21 to 24 in L.D.) by striking out everything after the underlined words "law enforcement" and inserting in their place the following:

'official, coroner, emergency room personnel, ambulance attendant or emergency medical technician suspects that an incapacitated adult has been abused, neglected or exploited, he shall immediately report or cause a report to be made to the department.'

Further amend the amendment in section 2 by striking out all of that part designated "§3479-A." and inserting in its place the following:

'§3479-A. Optional reporting

Any person may make a report if that person knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that an incapacitated or dependent adult has been abused, neglected or exploited.'

Further amend the amendment in section 2 by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. Information given to organizations and boards; public information campaign. The department shall inform appropriate professional organizations and boards of

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3 their responsibilities and those of their members under this
4 subchapter. The department shall also conduct a public
5 information campaign on this topic upon enactment.'

6 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the
7 Fiscal Note.

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 This amendment changes the language of Committee Amend-
10 ment "A" by restricting the mandatory reporting requirement
11 so that it applies only to incapacitated adults, while re-
12 porting of incapacitated or dependent adults is left
13 optional. Some professionals have also been added who were
14 inadvertently omitted from Committee Amendment "A." An
15 unallocated section has been added which requires that the
16 Department of Human Services conduct a public information
17 program on the topic upon enactment of the bill. Finally,
18 the fiscal note has been stricken from the amendment because
19 the department will report to the 111th Legislature as to
20 the cost of mandatory reporting of adult abuse.

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