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House of Representatives, February 4, 1993

An Act to Require Psychiatric Review Prior to Certain Medication Changes at the Maine Youth Center.

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GEAN of Alfred. Cosponsored by Representatives: DORE of Auburn, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, LARRIVEE of Gorham.

Вe	it	enacted	by	the	Peop	ple	of t	he	State	of	Maine	as	follows:

Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3805, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

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4. Review of psychotropic medication. If a person who is detained or committed to the center is taking a prescribed psychotropic drug or other medication to treat mental illness or emotional disturbance, the person's treatment regimen must be reviewed by a psychiatrist before any change in medication is ordered.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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Because access to psychiatric services is limited at the Maine Youth Center, changes in psychotropic medication are sometimes ordered by physicians who are not psychiatrists. This bill requires that, if a child at the Maine Youth Center is taking psychotropic or other drugs for mental illness or emotional disturbance, a psychiatrist must review the child's treatment regimen before a change in medication is ordered.

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