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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 335, L.D. 1113, Bill, "An Act to Require the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to Report the Facts of an Unnatural Death of a Patient under the Care of the Department to the Legislature"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §1207, sub-§1, ¶C-1 is enacted to read:

C-1. Within 48 hours of a death reportable by the commissioner to the Chief Medical Examiner pursuant to Title 22, section 3025, subsection 1, paragraph E, the commissioner shall provide information on that death to the chairs of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. Within 30 days of the reportable death, the commissioner shall provide the members of the committee with a copy of the death report. Information and reports provided pursuant to this paragraph must maintain the confidentiality of the identity of all persons mentioned or referred to in the information and reports.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

The additional costs associated with providing a copy of certain death reports to the joint standing committee of the

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2 Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services
3 matters can be absorbed by the Department of Mental Health,
4 Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services utilizing
5 existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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10 This amendment replaces the bill. It requires the
11 Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance
12 Abuse Services to report to the chairs of the Joint Standing
13 Committee on Health and Human Services information on a death
14 reportable by the commissioner to the Chief Medical Examiner.
15 Information and reports provided pursuant to this amendment must
16 maintain the confidentiality of the identity of all persons
mentioned or referred to in the information and reports.