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H.P. 57

House of Representatives, January 11, 2005

**An Act To Authorize a Judge To Order Involuntary Commitment of
a Person with Mental Illness Not Taking Prescribed Medication**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative JACKSON of Fort Kent.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and
Representatives: PARADIS of Frenchville, SMITH of Van Buren.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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**CONCEPT DRAFT
SUMMARY**

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This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

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10 This bill proposes to amend the emergency application
12 procedures for involuntary commitment under the laws governing
14 the Department of Health and Human Services. Under this bill, if
a person with mental illness is under the care of a health care
professional and is under a current prescription for medication
to address the mental illness, a judge may order involuntary
commitment if the person is not taking the medication.