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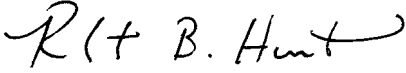
H.P. 647

House of Representatives, March 11, 2025

**An Act to Require Correctional Facilities and Substance Use  
Disorder Treatment Facilities to Release Prisoners and Patients to a  
Responsible Adult**

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CIMINO of Bridgton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20043, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

3 **9. Discharge.** Upon completion of a treatment program, the facility must ensure that  
4 the person is discharged to the care of a responsible adult who the facility has determined  
5 is able to support the person's adjustment to discharge from the treatment program.

6 **Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §3047, sub-§3, ¶D,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 314, §52, is  
7 further amended to read:

8 D. If the prisoner requests a reasonable place nearer the place of incarceration than  
9 ~~any of the foregoing~~ the places in paragraphs A to C, transportation must be furnished  
10 to that place; ~~or~~

11 **Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §3047, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 314, §52, is further  
12 amended to read:

13 **4. Extreme circumstances.** May, in extreme circumstances, if the prisoner's home is  
14 outside the State, or if the prisoner has secured employment outside the State, furnish  
15 transportation to the prisoner's home or place of employment; ~~or~~

16 **Sec. 4. 34-A MRSA §3047, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

17 **5. Support from responsible adult.** Shall ensure that the prisoner is released to the  
18 care of a responsible adult who the commissioner has determined is able to support the  
19 prisoner's transition from incarceration.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to  
22 require a substance use disorder treatment facility to ensure that a patient is discharged to  
23 the care of a responsible adult as determined by the facility. The bill also requires the  
24 Commissioner of Corrections to ensure that, when a prisoner is released, the prisoner is  
25 released to the care of a responsible adult as determined by the commissioner.