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H.P. 951

House of Representatives, April 3, 2025

An Act to Make General Assistance Officers Mandated Reporters

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HENDERSON of Rumford.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3477, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 291, §2 and c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (28) to read:

(28) A court-appointed guardian or conservator; or

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3477, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 291, §2 and c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (29) to read:

(29) A chair of a professional licensing board that has jurisdiction over mandated reporters; or

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3477, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 291, §2 and c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (30) to read:

(30) A municipal general assistance officer.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §4011-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 211, Pt. B, §18 and PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (31) to read:

(31) A family or domestic violence victim advocate; and

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §4011-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 211, Pt. B, §18 and PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (32) to read:

(32) A school bus driver or school bus attendant; and

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §4011-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 211, Pt. B, §18 and PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (33) to read:

(33) A municipal general assistance officer.

SUMMARY

This bill makes municipal general assistance officers mandated reporters of the suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation of incapacitated or dependent adults and of the suspected abuse or neglect of children or a suspicious child death.