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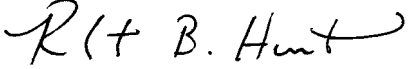
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H.P. 952

House of Representatives, April 3, 2025

An Act to Require Parents to Be Informed of Hospitals' Safe Sleep Rules

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


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative EDER of Waterboro.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GRIFFIN of Levant, JAVNER of Chester, TUELL of East Machias.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1711-H is enacted to read:

§1711-H. Hospital safe sleep rule for children; parental behavior

A hospital licensed pursuant to chapter 405 that has a safe sleep rule for children shall inform the parent of a child who is an inpatient at the hospital of the safe sleep rule for children, and the parent shall sign a form provided by the hospital that contains the text of the safe sleep rule for children acknowledging that the parent knows the safe sleep rule for children and possible penalties for violation of the safe sleep rule for children. For purposes of this section, "safe sleep rule for children" means a set of evidence-based practices a hospital requires to be employed in order to reduce the rate of children's unsafe sleep injuries and sudden unexpected infant death related to unsafe sleep, including accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed and sudden infant death syndrome.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a hospital that has a safe sleep rule for children to inform the parent of a child who is an inpatient at the hospital of the rule and the parent to sign a form acknowledging that the parent knows the rule and possible penalties for violation of the rule.