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House of Representatives, April 17, 2025

An Act Regarding Notification of Appointment of Legal Representation for Indigent Clients in Custody

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough. Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: BOYER of Poland, HASENFUS of Readfield, MATHIESON of Kittery, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MITCHELL of Cumberland, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SAYRE of Kennebunk, SKOLD of Portland.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §810, sub-§4 is enacted to read:
3	4. Docketing of assignment of counsel. Assignment of competent defense counsel
4	pursuant to subsection 2 or 3 must be docketed within 24 hours of the assignment,
5	excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, if the defendant is incarcerated at the time of
6	the assignment.
7	SUMMARY
8 9	This bill requires assignment of competent defense counsel to an accused person who is indigent within 24 hours of such assignment if the accused is incarcerated.