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No. 1945

H.P. 1304

House of Representatives, May 7, 2025

An Act to Clarify Data Collection Processes in Health Care Facilities

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RANA of Bangor.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §265, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 129, §1, is amended to read:

Beginning October 1, 2026, a health care facility, other than a pharmacy licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 117, shall ensure that data related to sexual orientation and gender identity is collected from an individual ~~as part of the health care information collected upon intake at a health care facility and at any other time~~ who is 18 years of age or older when demographic information is collected, unless the individual declines to answer questions regarding the individual's sexual orientation or gender identity. This data is part of the individual's electronic health record. For the purposes of this section, "health care facility" has the same meaning as in section 1711-C, subsection 1, paragraph D, "health care information" has the same meaning as in section 1711-C, subsection 1, paragraph E and "individual" has the same meaning as in section 1711-C, subsection 1, paragraph G, except that in this section it is limited to an individual who is 18 years of age or older. Data collected pursuant to this section is health care information that is subject to the confidentiality requirements of section 1711-C. ~~The sexual orientation and gender identity data required to be collected pursuant to this section is the same as the sexual and gender identity data elements added by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration to the uniform data system administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration in 2016 or included in any subsequent standards.~~

SUMMARY

This bill provides that sexual orientation and gender identity data required to be collected by a health care facility is limited to an individual who is 18 years of age or older and that this data is collected when other demographic information is collected from such an individual. It removes language that describes the data required to be collected.