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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
106TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 418, L.D. 1257, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide for Notice Upon Release or Change of Status of a Patient in a State Mental Institution."

Amend said Bill in section 1 by inserting in the 4th line after the amending clause (same in L.D.) after the underlined word and punctuation "place," the underlined words and punctuation' unless the patient requests in writing that such notice not be given, or'

Further amend said Bill in section 2 by inserting at the end before the last period, the following: ', unless the patient requests in writing that such notice not be given'

Further amend said Bill by inserting in section 3 in the <sup>5th and</sup> 6th lines after the amending clause (5th line of L.D.) after the underlined words "contemplated change" the following:  
', unless the patient requests in writing that such notice not be given'

Further amend said Bill in the 4th line after the amending (3rd line of L.D.) clause in section 4/by inserting after the underlined word "thereto" the following underlined words: <sup>and punctuation</sup> ', unless the patient requests in writing that such notice not be given'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact, the following:

'Sec. 5. R.S., T. 34, §2154, amended. Section 2154 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding the following new sentence after the 2nd sentence, to read as follows:

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No such patient shall be allowed to leave the institution temporarily until notice of such conditional release and the new location of the patient has been given to the legal guardian or adult next of kin, if any, of the patient, unless the patient requests, in writing, that such notice not be given.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this committee amendment are to extend the provisions of L.D. 1257 to patients at Pineland Hospital and Training Center, and to provide that patients may request that notice not be given.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

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