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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 2069, L.D. 2239, Bill,
"AN ACT Providing for Evaluations of Mentally Retarded Persons
Residing in Community Residential Facilities."

Amend said Bill in section 1 by inserting at the end of
subsection 2, before the period, of that part designated
"§2061." the following 'but not replacing or limiting the right
to treatment by spiritual means alone through prayer if such
is requested by the patient, or by his next of kin or guardian'

Further amend said Bill in section 1 by inserting at the
end of subsection 1 of that part designated "§2602." the
following underlined sentence:

'However, a person who is being treated by prayer or spiritual means
alone in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized
church or religious denomination by a duly accredited practitioner
thereof, may not be ordered evaluated, unless a court has determined
that he is, as a result of mental disorder, a danger to himself
or others.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment establishes guardian and patient rights to
religious beliefs.

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