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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1473, L.D. 1735, Bill, "AN ACT to Establish a Bill of Rights for Mentally Retarded Persons."

Amend the Amendment in the next to the last paragraph from the end before the Statement of Fact by striking out all of the last underlined sentence and inserting in its place the following:

'Treatment programs involving the use of noxious or painful stimuli may only be employed to correct behavior more harmful to the client than the treatment program on the recommendation of a physician or psychologist and with the approval, following a case-by-case review, of the chief administrator of the residential facility and a client advocate of the department.'

Statement of Fact

The intent of this amendment is to restrict the use of noxious or painful stimuli to correct behavior, unless such behavior is more harmful to the client than the treatment program.

Filed by Mrs. Najarian of Portland.

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