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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 108TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT " $_{\rm F}$ " to H.P. 2142, L.D. 2163, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Maine Juvenile Code."

Amend the Bill in section 16 by inserting at the end the following:

'E. The intake worker is also authorized to give legal consent for the juvenile to receive emergency medical treatment the juvenile needs while being detained if the parents or other legal guardian of the juvenile are unavailable to give consent for that treatment. No recovery shall be allowed against any physician or any health care provider upon the grounds that the emergency medical treatment was rendered without the informed consent of the juvenile or the juvenile's parents or legal guardians, when the intake worker gave his consent for the juvenile to receive that emergency medical treatment.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to insure that emergency medical treatment will be available to juveniles under detention by intake workers. Specifically, the amendment provides that physicians and other health care providers cannot be sued by parents of juveniles who have received emergency medical treatment while the juvenile's parents were unavailable to give consent

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to that emergency treatment.

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