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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative NUTTING of Leeds. Cosponsored by Representative BURKE of Vassalboro and Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act Regarding Preliminary Protection Orders in Child Protective Cases.

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

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22 MRSA §4034, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is amended to read:

2. Order. If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence presented in the sworn summary or otherwise that there is an immediate risk of serious harm <u>injury</u> to the child, it may order any disposition under section 4036. A preliminary protection order shall automatically expire at the time of the issuing of a final protection order under section 4035.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill changes the circumstances under which the court may issue a preliminary protection order. Currently, it may do so if it finds an immediate risk of serious harm, which includes physical, emotional and sexual abuse. This bill allows a preliminary order only if the court finds an immediate risk of serious injury, which is limited to physical injury or impairment.