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In Senate, December 31, 1990

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford. (BY REQUEST)

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Strengthen the Involuntary Commitment Laws.



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

4 34-B MRSA §3873 is enacted to read:

6 **§3873. Obsessive behavior**

8 For purposes of this article a person is mentally ill and
10 poses a likelihood of serious harm if that person engages in
12 obsessive behavior that is threatening to another person. A
14 person engages in obsessive behavior that is threatening to
16 another person if that person makes threats to another person of
18 bodily harm to that person or of harm to that person's property
20 at least 4 times in 3 months. A person hospitalized solely as a
22 result of behavior identified in this section may be discharged
24 only if the chief administrative officer of the hospital
certifies that the person is no longer likely to engage in
obsessive behavior that is threatening to another person.

20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22 This bill permits involuntary commitment of a person who
24 engages in obsessive behavior that is threatening to another
person.