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Presented by Representative MELENDY of Rockland. Cosponsored by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin, Senator GILL of Cumberland and Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Extend Confidential Status to Medical Data Assembled by Certain Health Care Providers. 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

32 MRSA §3296, as amended by PL 1987, c. 646, §11, is further amended to read:

§3296. Records of proceedings of medical staff review committees confidential

10 All proceedings and records of proceedings concerning medical staff reviews, hospital reviews and other reviews of medical care conducted by committees of physicians and other 12 health care personnel on behalf of hospitals, home health agencies, community mental health centers and rural health 14 centers located within the State, or on behalf of individual physicians, when the reviews are required by state or federal 16 law, rule or regulations or as a condition of accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals or the 18 American Osteopathic Association Committee on Hospital 20 Accreditation or are conducted under the auspices of the state or county professional society to which the physician belongs, are confidential and shall-be exempt from discovery. 22

## STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill extends the protection from discovery and makes confidential peer review records of home health agencies, community mental health centers and rural health centers.