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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1233, L.D. 1797, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Trauma Advisory Committee and a Voluntary Trauma Reporting System"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Establish a Voluntary Trauma-reporting System'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 256 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 256

TRAUMA REPORTING

§1421. Definitions

For the purposes of this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Board. "Board" means the Emergency Medical Services' Board described in Title 32, section 88.

§1422. Duty of physicians and hospitals

A hospital may report to the board information regarding persons diagnosed as suffering from trauma. Trauma reports should be made no later than 30 days from the date of diagnosis or the date of discharge from the hospital, whichever is later. Trauma is defined by guidelines published by the board.



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The amendment clarifies that hospitals' and physicians' immunity under the trauma reporting laws is limited to actions taken in good faith in accordance with those laws.

The amendment specifies that the registry established under the trauma reporting laws must comply with the requirements of the federal Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act of 1990.

The amendment adds a confidentiality section that prohibits the Emergency Medical Services' Board from disclosing any information that could be used to identify a patient or a member of the patient's family and makes unlawful dissemination of that information a civil violation.

The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Human Resources  
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