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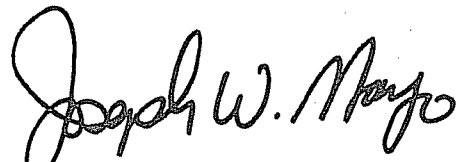
No. 227

H.P. 175

House of Representatives, February 1, 1993

An Act to Increase the Days on Which Protective Custody Hearings Are Held.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk.

Presented by Representative CASHMAN of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Representative DORE of Auburn and
Representatives: CATHCART of Orono, COTE of Auburn, FARNSWORTH of Hallowell,
PLOWMAN of Hampden, ST. ONGE of Greene, Senators: BERUBE of Androscoggin,
HANLEY of Oxford.

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4031, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Scheduling of hearings and reviews. The court shall arrange its schedule so that hearings on preliminary protection orders under section 4034, on final protection orders under section 4035 and for review of final protection orders under section 4038 can be held every day the court is in session.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Currently, courts are reserving a single day a week for scheduling any type of child protective hearing. Because preliminary protection order hearings receive priority, hearings on final protection orders and for judicial review of final protection orders are often continued until the next week, when the same scheduling problems may occur. To avoid repeated delays, this bill requires that courts schedule all types of child protective hearings every day that the court is in session.