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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 83, L.D. 263, Bill, "An Act to Authorize a Physician's Assistant or a Nurse Practitioner to Sign Papers Transferring a Patient for Evaluation for Emergency Involuntary Commitment"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first indented paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 24 to 27 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

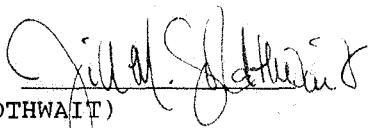
'Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3862, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 1995, c. 62, §1, is further amended to read:

B. If the officer does take the person into protective custody, shall deliver the person immediately for examination by ~~an available licensed physician or licensed clinical psychologist~~, as provided in section 3863. If the examination occurs in a hospital emergency room, the examination may be performed by a licensed physician, a licensed clinical psychologist, a physician's assistant, a nurse practitioner or a certified psychiatric clinical nurse specialist. If the examination does not occur in a hospital emergency room, the examination may be performed only by a licensed physician or licensed clinical psychologist.

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies who may perform the examination for protective custody and emergency commitment procedures under the mental health laws.

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