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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Reported by: Senator Paradis

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 529, L.D. 1634, Bill, "An Act to Promote Consumer Choice in Health Care Providers for Patients Discharged from Hospitals and in Need of Continuing Care"

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

**'An Act to Provide Information to Consumers of Health Care'**

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

**'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1831 is enacted to read:**

**§1831. Patient referrals**

**1. Provision of information. In order to provide for informed patient or resident decisions, a hospital or nursing facility shall provide lists of licensed providers of care and services for all patients or residents prior to discharge for whom home health care or nursing care is needed.**

**A. For all patients or residents requiring home health care, the list must include all licensed home health care providers that request to be listed and any branch offices, including addresses and phone numbers, that serve the area in which the patient or resident resides.**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

