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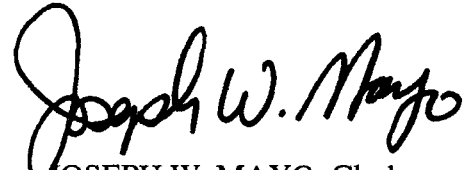
No. 550

H.P. 408

House of Representatives, January 19, 1999

**An Act to Ensure a Continuum of Proper Medical Care for Prisoners
with Mental Disabilities or Mental Illness.**

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick.
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and
Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, KANE of Saco, LOVETT of Scarborough,
O'BRIEN of Augusta, PEAVEY of Woolwich, QUINT of Portland, SNOWE-MELLO of
Poland, Senator: MITCHELL of Penobscot.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3031, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:**

6 2-A. Prescription medication. A physician of the
8 department may not countermand a prescription previously
10 prescribed for a client with mental disabilities or mental
12 illness without first consulting with the physician who
14 prescribed the medication unless an emergency does not allow time
16 for consultation. In the case of an emergency, the department's
18 physician shall contact the physician who previously prescribed
20 the prescription as soon as possible after the emergency had
22 passed.

SUMMARY

18 This bill prohibits a physician for the Department of
20 Corrections from countermanding a prescription previously
22 prescribed for a client with mental disabilities or mental
 illness without first consulting the physician who prescribed the
 medication unless there is an emergency.