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No. 725

H.P. 518

House of Representatives, January 26, 1999

An Act to Clarify Confidentiality of Mental Health Information.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KANE of Saco.
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, BROOKS of Winterport, GAGNON of Waterville.

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1711-C, sub-§6, ¶¶J and K, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 793, Pt. A, §8 and affected by §10, are amended to read:

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J. To a person engaged in the review of the provision of health care by a health care practitioner or facility or payment for such health care under Title 24, 24-A or 39-A or under a public program for the payment of health care or professional liability insurance for a health care practitioner or facility or to an agent, employee or contractor of such a person; ~~or~~

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K. To attorneys for a health care practitioner or facility as determined by the practitioner or facility to be required for adequate legal representation; ~~or~~

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Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1711-C, sub-§6, ¶L is enacted to read:

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L. With respect to persons receiving mental health services funded in whole or in part by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, to members of the local service networks, pursuant to Title 34-B, section 3608, when necessary to perform the duties of the networks.

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SUMMARY

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This bill restricts the release of mental health information among members of local service networks to information concerning persons whose care is paid for in whole or in part by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

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