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S.P. 314

In Senate, February 22, 2001

An Act to Amend the State's Overtime Law.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative MATTHEWS of Winslow and Senators: EDMONDS of Cumberland, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, KILKELLY of Lincoln, McALEVEY of York, RAND of Cumberland, Representatives: ANDREWS of York, FULLER of Manchester, MAYO of Bath.

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

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	Sec.1. 26 MRSA §603, sub-§5 is enacted to read:
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	5. Exception for nurse or other health care worker.
6	Notwithstanding subsection 2 and except for overtime required
	<u>under subsection 3, paragraph A or C, a person licensed pursuant</u>
8	to Title 32, chapter 31, subchapter 1 or a person employed by a
	licensed, certified or registered provider of mental or physical
10	<u>health care in the public or private sector or any business</u>
	establishment providing health care services, who provides direct
12	<u>care to patients, in the exercise of professional judgment</u>
	regarding the performance of giving guality care to patients, may
14	not be disciplined if that person refuses to work overtime.
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	SUMMARY
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	This bill prevents a licensed nurse or other health care
20	worker who provides direct care to patients from being
	disciplined for refusing to accept overtime work.