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An Act To Clarify the Powers of Guardians

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn and Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, LaFOUNTAIN of York, MARTIN of Aroostook, MAYO of Sagadahoc, Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, NORBERT of Portland.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3831, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
4	415, §2, is amended to read:
6	5. Adults under guardianship. An adult ward may be admitted on an informal voluntary basis only if his the adult
8	ward's legally appointed guardian consents to the admission and the-ward-makes-ne-objection-to-the-admission.
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12	SUMMARY
14	This bill amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3831, subsection 5, under which an adult ward may be
16	admitted on an informal voluntary basis for care and treatment of a mental illness, by deleting the words "and the ward makes no
18	objection to the admission." This is necessary to bring the law into conformity with the law outlining general powers and duties
20	of guardians under the Probate Code, Title 18-A, section 5-312.