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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1106, L.D. 1568, Bill, "An Act To Allow Nurse Practitioners To Sign Death Certificates"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, nurse practitioners' signatures on death certificates will provide convenience to families and save money by utilizing appropriate and close-by medical personnel; and

Whereas, amending the law to allow for death certificate signatures by nurse practitioners at the earliest possible date will begin the realization of savings immediately; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1, 2 and 3 (page 1, lines 3 to 37 in L.D.)

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 10 and before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment adds emergency language to the bill and makes the Act effective when signed. The amendment removes provisions from the bill regarding the death certificates of fetuses. The amendment retains provisions of the bill allowing nurse practitioners to sign death certificates.