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S.P. 264

In Senate, February 24, 2009

An Act Regarding Guardians Ad Litem

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SMITH of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Senator: HASTINGS of Oxford, Representatives: CLEARY of Houlton,
NASS of Acton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1653, sub-§6, ¶F-1** is enacted to read:

3 F-1. The court shall appoint a guardian ad litem unless the court determines a
4 guardian ad litem is not necessary. A guardian ad litem appointed under this
5 paragraph must meet the requirements of section 1507, subsections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and
6 8.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill requires a court to appoint a guardian ad litem in a case of domestic abuse
9 involving a minor unless the court determines a guardian ad litem is not necessary.