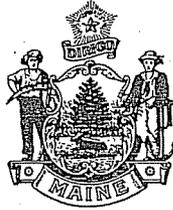


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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2009

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No. 695

H.P. 478

House of Representatives, February 24, 2009

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**An Act To Streamline Health Care Services in Maine by Allowing  
Certified Nurse Practitioners and Certified Nurse Midwives To  
Verify Medical Papers and Records**

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Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested  
and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and  
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, SANBORN of Gorham,  
WEBSTER of Freeport.

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

2 Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2205-B, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

3 **5. Global signature authority of a certified nurse practitioner or certified nurse**  
4 **midwife. When a provision of law or rule requires a signature, certification, stamp,**  
5 **verification, affidavit or endorsement by a physician, that requirement may be fulfilled by**  
6 **a certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife. This subsection may not be**  
7 **construed to expand the scope of practice of a certified nurse practitioner or a certified**  
8 **nurse midwife.**

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill allows a certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife to sign,  
11 certify, stamp, verify or endorse medical papers and records within the scope of practice  
12 of a certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife. The provision does not  
13 modify the scope of practice of a certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife.