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An Act To Limit the Work Week of Doctors and Medical Residents

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
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Clerk

Presented by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §603, sub-§3, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 750, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 G. A medical intern or resident engaged in a graduate educational program approved
5 by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education, the American Board of
6 Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association at a health care facility
7 or a physician, except that a physician, medical intern or resident may not be required
8 to work more than 20 hours of overtime in a one-week period. For purposes of this
9 paragraph, "health care facility" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 8702,
10 subsection 4 and "physician" means a person licensed by the Board of Licensure in
11 Medicine or the Board of Osteopathic Licensure; or

12 **SUMMARY**

13 Current law limits the amount of overtime an employee may be required to work to
14 80 hours in 2 weeks; medical interns and residents are exempt from this limitation.

15 This bill modifies the exemption to reduce the number of hours of overtime that a
16 medical intern or resident can be required to work from 80 hours in a 2-week period to 20
17 hours in a one-week period and applies the same limit to physicians.