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**STATE OF MAINE
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125TH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 365, L.D. 472, Bill, "An Act To Enhance the Security of Hospital Patients, Visitors and Employees"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1832 is enacted to read:

§1832. Safety and security in hospitals

A hospital licensed under this chapter shall, on an annual basis, adopt a safety and security plan to protect the patients, visitors and employees of the hospital from aggressive and violent behavior. The safety and security plan must include a process for hospitals to receive and record incidents and threats of violent behavior occurring at or arising out of employment at the hospital. The safety and security plan must prohibit a representative or employee of the hospital from interfering with a person making a report as provided in the plan.

Sec. 2. Application. The provisions of this Act apply to critical access hospitals as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 7932, subsection 10 beginning on July 1, 2012 and to all other hospitals beginning on January 1, 2012.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires a licensed hospital to adopt a safety and security plan on an annual basis and prohibits interference with a person making a report as provided in the plan. It applies the provision to critical access hospitals beginning July 1, 2012 and to all other hospitals beginning January 1, 2012.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 472

LR 697(02)

An Act To Enhance the Security of Hospital Patients, Visitors and Employees

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs to the Department of Health and Human services can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.