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### STATE OF MAINE

### SENATE

### 126TH LEGISLATURE

### SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 701, L.D. 1766, Bill, "An Act To Clarify and Update a Nurse's Authority To Administer Medication"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph A by striking out all of the first paragraph (page 1, lines 4 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'A. Diagnosis and treatment of human responses to actual or potential physical and emotional health problems through such services as case finding, health teaching, health counseling and provision of care supportive to or restorative of life and well-being and execution of the medical regimen as prescribed by a licensed ~~physician, podiatrist or dentist~~ health care practitioner as defined in Title 24, section 2502, subsection 1-A or naturopathic doctor operating within the scope of the licensed health care practitioner's or naturopathic doctor's authority to prescribe medications, substances or devices or otherwise legally authorized individual acting under the delegated authority of a ~~physician, podiatrist or dentist~~ health care practitioner or naturopathic doctor:'

### SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It changes the statutory definition of "professional nursing" by adding naturopathic doctors and other licensed health care practitioners operating within the scope of their authority to prescribe medications, substances or devices to the list of legally authorized individuals for whom a professional nurse may execute a medical regimen. It removes references in the bill to "medical professional" and instead uses the terms "naturopathic doctor" and "health care practitioner."

# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT