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H.P. 589

House of Representatives, February 12, 2019

An Act Regarding Recording of Witness Interviews

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

R(+ B. Hunt

Presented by Representative WARREN of Hallowell.

Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

| 1 | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: |
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| 2 | Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶K, as amended by PL 2013, c. 147, §18, is |
| 3 | further amended to read: |
| 4 | K. Digital, electronic, audio, video or other recording of law enforcement interviews |
| 5 | of suspects and witnesses in serious crimes and the preservation of investigative notes |
| 6 | and records in such cases; |
| 7 | SUMMARY |
| 8 | Current law requires that law enforcement agencies adopt written policies for the |
| 9 | recording of interviews of only suspects in serious crimes. This bill extends that |
| 10 | requirement to include recording of interviews of witnesses. |