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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 395, L.D. 1275, Bill, "An Act To Support Access to Health Services for Homeless Youth in Maine"

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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

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'Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1503, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. C, §8 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

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A health care practitioner who obtains documentation that meets the requirements of this section prior to providing medical, mental, dental or other health counseling or services to a minor pursuant to this section is immune from any civil or criminal liability based on the health care practitioner's determination to provide services, except that a health care practitioner may be held liable for the health care practitioner's gross negligence or willful or wanton acts or omissions.'

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment clarifies that a health care practitioner who obtains documentation is immune from civil or criminal liability. It removes the language regarding consent not being subject to later disaffirmance solely by reason of the minor's age.

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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**