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An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Advance Health Care Directives

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ROEDER of Bangor.

1 another individual directed by the principal to sign the principal's name. An individual
2 appearing via telecommunication who is able to verify or recognize the identity of the
3 principal and assess the principal's capacity is considered to be in the principal's conscious
4 presence. If necessary due to infectious disease protocols or other health concerns, an
5 individual outside a hospital room where the patient who is the principal is located or in a
6 location near the patient who is the principal is also considered to be in the principal's
7 conscious presence as long as the individual can verify or recognize the identity of the
8 principal and assess the principal's capacity. A witness may also appear via
9 telecommunication if that witness is able to verify or recognize the identity of the principal
10 and assess the principal's capacity. If necessary due to infectious disease protocols or other
11 health concerns, an individual outside a hospital room where the patient is located or in a
12 location near the patient may also act as a witness, as long as that witness is able to verify
13 or recognize the patient's identity and assess the patient's capacity.