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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1470, L.D. 2189, "An Act to Require Prior Notification of Closures of Labor and Delivery Units and Changes in Maternity or Newborn Care Services by Hospitals as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State"

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1822-B is enacted to read:

§1822-B. Notice of termination of or change in maternity or newborn care services

1. Termination of maternity or newborn care services. A hospital shall file with the department at least 120 days prior to the effective date of the termination of maternity or newborn care services a notice setting forth the following information:

A. The effective date of the proposed termination and the reason for the termination;

B. The name, title, e-mail address and phone number for a contact person at the hospital;

C. The hospital's plan for emergency care, including the development and review of policy and procedure for maternity emergencies and training for emergency department and family practice staff on emergency obstetric care;

D. A list and descriptions of notifications sent to surrounding hospitals within 50 miles and Level II, Level III and Level IV newborn nursery units, to any local emergency management, fire and law enforcement services and to any registered patients that are affected by the termination; and

E. A description of how the hospital provided public notification of the termination.

2. Change in level of care of maternity or newborn care services. A hospital shall file with the department at least 120 days prior to the effective date of a change in the level

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1 of care of maternity or newborn care services a notice setting forth the following
2 information:

3 A. The effective date of the proposed change in the level of care and the reason for the
4 change;

5 B. The name, title, e-mail address and phone number for a contact person at the
6 hospital;

7 C. A list and descriptions of notifications sent to surrounding hospitals within 50 miles
8 and Level II, Level III and Level IV newborn nursery units, to any local emergency
9 management, fire and law enforcement services and to any registered patients that are
10 affected by the change; and

11 D. A description of how the hospital provided public notification of the change.'
12 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
13 number to read consecutively.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This amendment is the majority report of the committee and reallocates the substantive
16 provision of the bill to another chapter of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, relating to
17 the licensing of hospitals.