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**STATE OF MAINE  
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132ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to 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 amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the notification required by this legislation is needed as soon as possible to give affected residents adequate time to prepare for closures of labor and delivery units and make other plans; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,' '

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

**'Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.' '

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

**HOUSE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause.

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