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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 739, L.D. 1001, “An Act To Ensure Parents' Access to Their Minor and Adult Children with Special Needs”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Ensure Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Have Access to Family Members during Hospitalizations'

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

'Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §5605, sub-§8-A is enacted to read:

8-A. Access to support persons. A person with an intellectual disability or autism who is unable to communicate with anyone other than a family member or guardian is entitled to access to support persons, including, but not limited to, family members or guardians, during any visit to a hospital or health care facility unless the family member's or guardian's access has been limited by a court of law.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill. It allocates to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 5605, which establishes the rights and protections of a person with an intellectual disability or autism, a provision guaranteeing the access of a person with an intellectual disability or autism who is unable to communicate with anyone other than a family member or guardian to support persons, including, but not limited to, family members or guardians, during any visit to a hospital or health care facility, unless the family member's or guardian's access has been limited by a court of law.

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