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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 213, L.D. 459, “An Act to Update the Procedures for Issuance of Orders Related to Involuntary Hospitalizations”

Amend the bill by adding before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3801, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Electronic endorsement. "Electronic endorsement" has the same meaning as "electronic signature" in Title 4, section 17, subsection 18, paragraph A.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 in the 3rd and 4th lines (page 1, lines 6 and 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "a an" and inserting the following: 'a secure'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 in paragraph A in the 4th line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "electronically or"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 in paragraph A in the 5th line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "machine" the following: 'or an electronic endorsement transmitted by secure electronic means'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 in paragraph A in the 5th line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the original" and inserting the following: 'the an original'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, requires that the electronic transmission of an application for and of a court order granting an application for emergency involuntary commitment be through secure means. It also authorizes a Justice of the Superior Court, Judge of the District Court, Judge of Probate or justice of the peace to endorse the application electronically.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT