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An Act To Limit the Work Week of Doctors and Medical Residents

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §603, sub-§3, ¶G, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 750, §1, is amended to read:

G. A medical intern or resident engaged in a graduate educational program approved by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education, the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association at a health care facility or a physician, except that a physician, medical intern or resident may not be required to work more than 20 hours of overtime in a one-week period. For purposes of this paragraph, "health care facility" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 8702, subsection 4 and "physician" means a person licensed by the Board of Licensure in Medicine or the Board of Osteopathic Licensure; or

SUMMARY

Current law limits the amount of overtime an employee may be required to work to 80 hours in 2 weeks; medical interns and residents are exempt from this limitation.

This bill modifies the exemption to reduce the number of hours of overtime that a medical intern or resident can be required to work from 80 hours in a 2-week period to 20 hours in a one-week period and applies the same limit to physicians.