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An Act Regarding Recording of Witness Interviews

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and
Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, FECTEAU of Augusta, MORALES of South
Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶K**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 466, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 K. Digital, electronic, audio, video or other recording of law enforcement interviews
5 of suspects and witnesses in murder, Class A, Class B and Class C crimes and the
6 preservation of investigative notes and records in such cases;

7 **SUMMARY**

8 Current law requires that law enforcement agencies adopt written policies for the
9 recording of interviews of suspects in murder, Class A, Class B and Class C crimes. This
10 bill extends that requirement to include recording of interviews of witnesses.