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An Act Regarding Service of Notice of Restricted Person Status to Hospitalized Patients

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative KUHN of Falmouth and
Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, HAGGAN of Penobscot, Representative: LEE of Auburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1727, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

3 **1-A. Service of notice of restricted person status.** A law enforcement agency may
4 request that a hospital provide access to a person who is receiving care in the hospital for
5 the purpose of notifying the person that the person is a restricted person as defined in Title
6 34-B, section 3862-A, subsection 1, paragraph K.

7 A. The hospital shall provide the law enforcement agency with an opportunity to notify
8 the person under this subsection at a time the hospital determines is clinically
9 appropriate with due consideration to the medical condition of the person.

10 B. A hospital may disclose that the person is a patient to facilitate notice under this
11 subsection regardless of patient consent.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill amends the law governing hospital cooperation with law enforcement
14 agencies to allow a law enforcement agency to request that a hospital provide access to a
15 patient for purposes of notification of restricted person status for a person taken into
16 protective custody by a law enforcement officer due to likelihood of foreseeable harm.