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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 595, L.D. 790, “An Act Clarifying Patient Consent for Certain Medical Examinations”

Amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** legislation to require patient consent, in writing and orally, for certain medical examinations was enacted as emergency legislation on March 17, 2020; and

**Whereas,** this legislation clarifies that written informed consent is not required for those examinations performed on a conscious patient if oral consent is provided; and

**Whereas,** it is important for the clarification in this legislation to take effect as soon as possible; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

**'Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.