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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 739, L.D. 1001, “An Act To Ensure Parents' Access to Their Minor and Adult Children with Special Needs”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Ensure Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Have Access to Family Members during Hospitalizations'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §5605, sub-§8-A** is enacted to read:

**8-A. Access to support persons. A person with an intellectual disability or autism who is unable to communicate with anyone other than a family member or guardian is entitled to access to support persons, including, but not limited to, family members or guardians, during any visit to a hospital or health care facility unless the family member's or guardian's access has been limited by a court of law.'**

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill. It allocates to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 5605, which establishes the rights and protections of a person with an intellectual disability or autism, a provision guaranteeing the access of a person with an intellectual disability or autism who is unable to communicate with anyone other than a family member or guardian to support persons, including, but not limited to, family members or guardians, during any visit to a hospital or health care facility, unless the family member's or guardian's access has been limited by a court of law.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**