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HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 783, L.D. 1145, Bill, “An Act To Improve  
Maine’s Involuntary Commitment Processes”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and 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,** this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day  
period in order to facilitate the appropriate treatment of patients with mental illness; 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.'

**SUMMARY**

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

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