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An Act To Amend the Health Care Practitioner Transparency Requirements

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: DILL of Penobscot, HASKELL of Cumberland, JOHNSON of Lincoln, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2988, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 285, §1, is amended
3 to read:

4 **3. Identification.** A health care practitioner shall comply with the following
5 identification requirements. ~~A health care practitioner who does not have direct patient~~
6 ~~care interactions is not subject to the provisions of this subsection.~~

7 ~~A. A health care practitioner shall display a copy of the practitioner's license in a~~
8 ~~prominent place in an office area visible to current and prospective patients. If the~~
9 ~~health care practitioner sees patients in a setting outside of a licensed health care~~
10 ~~facility, the copy must be of sufficient size to be visible and apparent to patients,~~
11 ~~except that a copy no smaller than the original license is deemed to be sufficient.~~

12 B. A health care practitioner seeing patients on a face-to-face basis shall wear a
13 name badge or some other form of identification that clearly discloses:

- 14 (1) The health care practitioner's name;
- 15 (2) The type of license, registration or certification the health care practitioner
16 holds, including the common term for the health care practitioner's profession;
17 and
- 18 (3) The health care practitioner's medical staff position, if applicable.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill removes from the Maine Health Security Act the requirement that a health
21 care practitioner display a copy of the practitioner's license so the license is visible to
22 patients.