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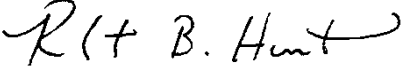
No. 470

H.P. 309

House of Representatives, February 24, 2015

**An Act To Allow Children's Residential Care Facilities To Ensure
the Safety of Their Residents**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITE of Washburn.
Cosponsored by Senator WILLETTE of Aroostook and
Representatives: BATES of Westbrook, BUCKLAND of Farmington, EDGECOMB of Fort
Fairfield, GILLWAY of Searsport, MARTIN of Sinclair, PRESCOTT of Waterboro,
SANDERSON of Chelsea, Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8108** is enacted to read:

3 **§8108. Search of property**

4 An administrator of a children's home or children's residential care facility may
5 search a resident's backpack or travel bag and confiscate any items that pose a health or
6 safety risk whenever that resident returns to the facility after an absence from the facility.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill allows an administrator of a children's home or children's residential care
9 facility to search a resident's backpack or travel bag and confiscate any items that pose a
10 health or safety risk whenever that resident returns to the facility after an absence.