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House of Representatives, February 8, 2012

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Confidentiality of Health Care Information

Reported by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland for the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Order, H.P. 1328.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1711-C, sub-§6, ¶E**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 512, Pt. A,
3 §5 and affected by §7 and c. 790, Pt. A, §§58 and 60, is further amended to read:

4 E. To federal, state or local governmental entities in order to protect the public health
5 and welfare when reporting is required or authorized by law ~~or~~, to report a suspected
6 crime against the health care practitioner or facility or to report when an alleged
7 crime has been committed on the premises of the health care practitioner or the
8 facility;

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill amends the law regarding confidentiality of health care information to allow
11 health care practitioners or facilities to report to federal, state or local governmental
12 entities if an alleged crime has been committed on the premises. Federal Health
13 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 regulations allow for disclosure if a
14 practitioner or a facility believes a crime has been committed on the premises. This bill
15 amends the state law to be consistent with federal law.