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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 29, L.D. 1, “An Act To Establish the COVID-19 Patient Bill of Rights”

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

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

'An Act To Establish the COVID-19 Patient Bill of Rights and To Amend the Governor's Emergency Powers' '

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part B the following:

'PART C

Sec. C-1. 37-B MRSA §742, sub-§1, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. In dealing with a declared state of emergency under this subsection, the Governor shall ensure that:

- (1) Residents of the State have access to critical preventive health care services;
- (2) Residents of the State with preexisting medical conditions have access to necessary medical treatments;
- (3) Medical privacy and confidentiality requirements, including but not limited to requirements under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, are followed; and
- (4) Health care services and surgeries are not considered to be nonessential services.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A" to require that the Governor, in dealing with a declared state of emergency, ensure that residents of the State have access to certain health care services and treatments, that medical privacy requirements are

1 followed and that health care services and surgeries are not considered nonessential
2 services.

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