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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 465, L.D. 629, “Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study Improving Safety and Provide Protection from Violence for Health Care Workers in Hospitals and Mental Health Care Providers”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study the Process for Bringing Criminal Cases in Situations of Violence against Health Care Workers'

Amend the resolve by inserting after the title 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, the issue of violence against hospital and medical staff has increased in recent years; and

Whereas, hospitals are unclear what the options are for prosecution when victims are unwilling to bring cases; and

Whereas, the work of the Task Force To Study the Process for Bringing Criminal Cases in Situations of Violence against Health Care Workers needs to begin prior to 90 days after adjournment in order for the task force to have enough time to review the circumstances and make recommendations; 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, be it'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved: That the Task Force To Study the Process for Bringing Criminal Cases in Situations of Violence against Health Care Workers, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

- 1 3. It requires the task force to submit its report to the Joint Standing Committee on
- 2 Criminal Justice and Public Safety, which is authorized to report out legislation to the
- 3 Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.