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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

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

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