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**An Act To Streamline Health Care Services in Maine
by Allowing Certified Nurse Practitioners and Certified
Nurse Midwives To Verify Medical Papers and Records**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2205-B, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Global signature authority of a certified nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife. When a provision of law or rule requires a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit or endorsement by a physician, that requirement may be fulfilled by a certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife. This subsection may not be construed to expand the scope of practice of a certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife.

SUMMARY

This bill allows a certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife to sign, certify, stamp, verify or endorse medical papers and records within the scope of practice of a certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife. The provision does not modify the scope of practice of a certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife.