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House of Representatives, January 2, 2019

An Act To Prohibit the Use of Electroconvulsive Therapy for Certain Populations

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative RECKITT of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BABINE of Scarborough, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BRYANT of Windham, DENK of Kennebunk, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FOLEY of Biddeford, STOVER of Boothbay.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA c. 1, sub-c. 9 is enacted to read:
SUBCHAPTER 9
<u>LIMITATIONS ON USE OF ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY</u>
§1971. Limitations on use of electroconvulsive therapy
A health care provider may not use electroconvulsive therapy on a child, a person 65
years of age or older or a person who is pregnant. For the purposes of this subchapter,
"health care provider" means a licensed mental health services provider, a physician
licensed under Title 32, chapter 36 or 48 and operating in this State or a corporation or
business entity engaged primarily in the provision of physician health care services.
SUMMARY
This bill prohibits the use of electroconvulsive therapy on a child under 18 years of
age or a person over 65 years of age or a person who is pregnant.