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House of Representatives, March 11, 2025

**An Act to Require Correctional Facilities and Substance Use  
Disorder Treatment Facilities to Release Prisoners and Patients to a  
Responsible Adult**

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

*Robert B. Hunt*

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CIMINO of Bridgton.

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20043, sub-§9 is enacted to read:**

**9. Discharge.** Upon completion of a treatment program, the facility must ensure that the person is discharged to the care of a responsible adult who the facility has determined is able to support the person's adjustment to discharge from the treatment program.

**Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §3047, sub-§3, ¶D**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 314, §52, is further amended to read:

D. If the prisoner requests a reasonable place nearer the place of incarceration than ~~any of the foregoing~~ the places in paragraphs A to C, transportation must be furnished to that place; ~~or~~

**Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §3047, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 314, §52, is further amended to read:

**4. Extreme circumstances.** May, in extreme circumstances, if the prisoner's home is outside the State, or if the prisoner has secured employment outside the State, furnish transportation to the prisoner's home or place of employment; or

**Sec. 4. 34-A MRS §3047, sub-§5 is enacted to read:**

**5. Support from responsible adult.** Shall ensure that the prisoner is released to the care of a responsible adult who the commissioner has determined is able to support the prisoner's transition from incarceration.

## SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to require a substance use disorder treatment facility to ensure that a patient is discharged to the care of a responsible adult as determined by the facility. The bill also requires the Commissioner of Corrections to ensure that, when a prisoner is released, the prisoner is released to the care of a responsible adult as determined by the commissioner.