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Representative Haas of Rochester moves that the bill be amended in Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. § 9721, by striking out subdivision (b)(1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (b)(1) to read as follows:

(b)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection 9703(b) of this title to the contrary, an advance directive executed by a principal between February 15, 2020 and the effective date of this section shall be deemed to be valid even if the principal signed the advance directive outside the physical presence of one or both of the required witnesses, provided all of the following conditions were met with respect to each remote witness:

(A) the principal and the remote witness were known to each other;

(B) the remote witness was informed about the role of a witness to the execution of an advance directive; and

(C) the principal included on the advance directive the name and contact information for the witness.