

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1027

H. P. 761

House of Representatives, February 23, 1971

Referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Trask of Milo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Limiting Discounts by Hospitals and Other Providers of Health
Care.**

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

R. S., T. 24-A, § 2164-B, additional. Title 24-A of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2164-B to read as follows :

§ 2164-B. Limitation of hospital and health care discounts

After December 31, 1972 no health insurer or hospital or medical service organization shall contract for, solicit or accept; and no hospital or other provider of health care shall contract for or otherwise grant, a discount or contractual allowance on the payment of charges for hospital or other health care services by health insurers or hospital or medical service organizations, except for any cash discount available to all those who pay for hospital or other health care services. This provision shall not apply to transactions with agencies of the State or Federal Governments.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill prohibits discounts or contractual allowances, except for cash discounts available to all, between health insurers and hospital or medical service organizations and hospitals or other providers of health care. It will prohibit discriminatory practices which now exist.