

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 2230

H. P. 1762

House of Representatives, January 2, 1974

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Connolly of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT Relating to Medical Treatment of Persons at
State-operated Facilities.

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

R. S., T. 32, § 2258-A, repealed. Section 2258-A of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 535 of the public laws of 1973, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

During the regular session of the 106th Legislature, legislation was enacted permitting doctors to delegate to nonlicensed persons the privilege of administering medicines, a delegation of responsibility not allowed under Maine Statutes prior to 1973. As a result of enactment of this legislation, problems have arisen within some state institutions. Nonmedical personnel are being allowed to administer medications, drugs without close supervision. Repeal of this section would halt this practice. It would allow medications to be legally administered only by a licensed professional nurse or a licensed practical nurse who does so under the supervision of a licensed professional nurse or a physician or dentist. Repeal of this section would assure that strict legal controls are maintained over the furnishing, delivering, supplying or giving of medication in state institutions where there is the potential for great abuse.