

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 21

House of Representatives, January 10, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services and sent up for concurrence.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tozier of Unity.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Require Nursing Homes to have Emergency Power Generators.**

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

**25 MRSA § 2392**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 788, § 110-A, is amended by adding at the end a new ¶ to read:

**Every sanatorium, convalescent home, nursing home, rest home or other institution other than hospitals for nursing care of human beings shall maintain either on or adjacent to its premises an operable emergency power generator capable of generating sufficient power to maintain an adequate level of lighting, heat and other electrical services, and capable also of adequate operation of that portion of the institution's water supply which is dependent upon electrical power normally purchased by the institution from an outside source.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires sanatoriums, convalescent homes, nursing homes, rest homes and other institutions, excluding hospitals, for the nursing care of human beings to have an emergency power generator which can maintain an adequate electrical supply in case of power failure. Residents of these institutions are extremely dependent upon electrical services and should not be exposed to danger in the case of outside electrical power failure.