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In Senate, February 2, 1993

An Act to Ensure Geographically Appropriate Placement for Nursing Home Residents.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PINGREE of Knox. Cosponsored by Senators: KIEFFER of Aroostook, LUDWIG of Aroostook, PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: CARROLL of Gray, FARNSWORTH of Hallowell, HOLT of Bath, KILKELLY of Wiscasset, MELENDY of Rockland, RYDELL of Brunswick, TOWNSEND of Portland, TREAT of Gardiner.

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1867, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. R, §2, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

10 Prior to fiscal year 1992-93, elderly or disabled people in hospitals receiving Medicaid and awaiting placement in a nursing 12 home could not be forced to take a nursing home placement more than 50 miles away from their home. In the fiscal year 1992-93 14 budget, Public Law 1991, chapter 780, Part R, section 2, language was added that prohibits the Department of Human Services from allowing the distance provision, thus forcing patients to take 16 placement in an empty bed regardless of where it was located. This bill removes that language so that the Department of Human 18 Services may consider distance when providing nursing home 20 placement.