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## 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1993

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No. 697

S.P. 226

In Senate, February 25, 1993

An Act to Remove Home Health Care Agencies from the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 1978 Requirement for Initial Licensure.

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ESTY of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representatives: DORE of Auburn, GEAN of Alfred, PINEAU of Jay.

Be it	enacted	by	the	People	of	the	State	of	Maine	as	follows:
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- Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §304-A, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 705, Pt. V, §16, is amended to read:
- б New The health care facilities. construction, development or other establishment of а new health care facility. Home health care agencies are exempt from this 8 provision for initial licensure but are required to obtain a certificate of need under any other provision of this section; and 10

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## STATEMENT OF FACT

16 Current law requires a certificate of need for initial licensure of a home health care agency. This bill retains the requirement that the agency, once licensed, is required to obtain a certificate of need under any other provision of the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 1978, such as new service or capital expenditures, but does not require a certificate of need for initial licensure.