

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1020

S.P. 311

In Senate, February 13, 1997

An Act Allowing Increased Flexibility of Swing Beds.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.

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

4 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §326 is enacted to read:

6 **§326. Swing beds**

8 The Department of Human Services shall adopt routine
10 technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A
12 permitting nursing homes to:

14 1. Designation of level of care. Designate the level of
16 care for a bed based on the level of care needed by the patient
18 admitted for the bed; or

20 2. Change in level of care. Change the level of care of a
22 bed without requiring a certificate of need.

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules permitting a nursing home to designate the level of care for a bed based on the level of care of the person admitted or to change the level of care of a bed without requiring a certificate of need.