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No. 1108

S.P. 330

In Senate, February 18, 1997

An Act Regarding Medicaid Reimbursement for Nursing Facility Care.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JENKINS of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot and
Representatives: RICHARD of Madison, SKOGLUND of St. George.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-I, sub-§4 is enacted to read:**

6 4. Reserve occupancy. If a person has been determined to
8 be eligible for nursing facility services under the provisions of
10 this section, has begun residence in a nursing facility and has
12 moved to another residence temporarily, the person retains
14 eligibility when absent for a reasonable period of time. During
16 the person's temporary absence the nursing facility shall reserve
18 occupancy for the person and the department shall reimburse the
20 nursing facility for the person's reserved occupancy at a rate
22 equal to the rate of reimbursement for residential care
24 facilities licensed under this Title. The department shall adopt
26 rules to carry out this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to
this subsection are major substantive rules as defined by Title
5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

20 SUMMARY

22 This bill allows a nursing facility resident who is
24 determined eligible for Medicaid and who is temporarily absent
26 from the facility to reserve occupancy for a reasonable period of
time and provides for payment to the nursing facility at the rate
paid for residential care.