

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 706

In Senate, February 18, 2014

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**An Act Relating to Nursing Facility and Inpatient Hospice Patients  
and Medical Marijuana Use**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LACHOWICZ of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and  
Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, GRATWICK of Penobscot, JOHNSON of Lincoln,  
VALENTINO of York, Representatives: COOPER of Yarmouth, MCGOWAN of York,  
SANDERSON of Chelsea.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

3 **10. Use in inpatient hospice or nursing facility permitted.** A qualifying patient  
4 may use forms of marijuana or prepared marijuana that are not smoked, including, but not  
5 limited to, vaporized marijuana, edible marijuana and tinctures and salves of marijuana,  
6 in an inpatient hospice licensed under chapter 1681 or nursing facility licensed under  
7 chapter 405 and may keep forms of marijuana or prepared marijuana that are not smoked  
8 in that qualifying patient's room. The qualifying patient is not required to obtain a  
9 registry identification card in order to use a form of marijuana or prepared marijuana that  
10 is not smoked in the inpatient hospice or nursing facility.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill allows a qualifying patient to use forms of marijuana or prepared marijuana  
13 that are not smoked, including, but not limited to, vaporized marijuana, edible marijuana  
14 and tinctures and salves of marijuana, in an inpatient hospice or nursing facility and to  
15 keep forms of marijuana or prepared marijuana that are not smoked in that qualifying  
16 patient's room. The qualifying patient is not required to obtain a registry identification  
17 card in order to use a form of marijuana or prepared marijuana that is not smoked in the  
18 inpatient hospice or nursing facility.