

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 282

In Senate, March 10, 2015

**An Act To Decrease Uncompensated Care, Reduce Medical Debt
and Improve Health Outcomes**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HASKELL of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DION of Portland and
Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representative: MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to enact measures, tailored to the unique conditions in Maine,
6 designed to:

7 1. Reduce the burden of uncompensated medical care in Maine experienced by
8 health care providers in hospitals, health centers and health care provider offices,
9 including care provided through charity care programs;

10 2. Lower the number of uninsured in Maine by providing a strategy for uninsured,
11 low-income persons with income up to 133% of the federal poverty level to have access
12 to health coverage using available, cost-effective health care coverage options for
13 Medicaid;

14 3. Address inefficiencies within our current health care systems, use federal funds
15 available to Maine and offer more options for insurance coverage to the uninsured; and

16 4. Allow Maine to remain competitive with neighboring states, bring savings to the
17 General Fund and protect the fiscal sustainability of rural and safety net hospitals and
18 health centers.

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