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In Senate, February 25, 2025

An Act to Increase Patient Safety in Long-term Care Facilities

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

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1834 is enacted to read:
3	§1834. Side rails for beds in long-term care facilities
4 5 6 7	A long-term care facility shall equip a resident's bed with side rails if the resident or the resident's legal guardian requests side rails or if side rails are necessary for the safety of the resident. For purposes of this section, "long-term care facility" has the same meaning as in section 2421-A, subsection 25.
8	SUMMARY
9 10 11	This bill requires a long-term care facility to equip a resident's bed with side rails if the resident or the resident's legal guardian requests side rails or if side rails are necessary for the safety of the resident.