

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1116

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lucas of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Provide for Thirty Days' Notice When a Nursing Home is  
Being Voluntarily Closed.**

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

R. S., T. 22, § 1822, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1822 to read as follows:

§ 1822. Notice when nursing home voluntarily closed

Any person, including county or local government units, who is conducting, managing or operating any hospital, sanatorium, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or institution within the meaning of this chapter, and who is properly licensed therefor in accordance with this chapter shall give at least 30 days' advance notice of the voluntary closing of such facility to the patients therein and to those persons, governmental units or institutions who are primarily responsible for the welfare of those patients who are being cared for by said hospital, sanatorium, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or institution so that adequate preparation may be made for the orderly transfer of said patients to another qualified facility.

Failure to provide such notice shall subject the offender to the same penalties provided in section 1821.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this legislation is to prevent nursing homes from closing voluntarily without giving notice to all individuals concerned.