

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 970

S. P. 308

In Senate, February 21, 1973

On motion of Senator Berry of Cumberland, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Morrell of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Payments to Hospitals.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 1710, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1710 to read as follows :

§ 1710. Deferred revenue payments

The Department of Health and Welfare may make a payment to each general hospital in the State which is certified for participation in the Medical Assistance Program under Title 19 of the Social Security Act, not to exceed the average amount paid to that hospital by the department during a 30-day period in the next preceding fiscal year. Such payment shall constitute a deferred revenue obligation for the hospital. Any unliquidated balance of such obligation shall be repaid to the department upon demand.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to simplify the administration of the Medicaid program by the Department of Health and Welfare. This legislation would permit the department to be more current in its payments to hospitals in relation to the provision of services by hospitals and would also alleviate cash flow problems of hospitals with resultant savings and increased efficiency.