

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 829

House of Representatives, February 26, 1973

Speaker laid before the House and on motion of Mr. Henley of Norway, referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stillings of Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Physician Assistants.

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

R. S., T. 32, § 3270-A, additional. Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3270-A to read as follows:

§ 3270-A. Physician assistants

Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit physician assistants from rendering medical services, if such services are rendered under the supervision and control of a physician or surgeon, provided that such physician assistant shall have satisfactorily completed a training program approved by the Board of Registration in Medicine. Supervision and control shall not be construed as requiring the personal presence of the supervising and controlling physician at the place where such services are rendered, unless such physical presence is necessary to provide patient care of the same quality as provided by the physician. Further, nothing in this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting a physician or surgeon from delegating to his employees certain activities relating to medical care and treatment now being carried out by custom and usage when such activities are under the direct control of and in the personal presence of the physician or surgeon. The physician delegating such activities, either to his employees, program graduates or to participants in an approved training program, shall be deemed legally liable for such activities of such persons, and such person shall in this relationship be construed as the physician's agent.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act would permit delegation of certain activities relating to medical care and treatment to physician assistants under the direct control of a physician or a surgeon and insure that any such assistants shall have satisfactorily completed a training program approved by the Board of Registration in Medicine.