

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1487

H. P. 1154

House of Representatives, March 14, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Oral Settlements or Releases from Injured Persons Confined to Hospitals.

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

R. S., T. 17, § 3964, amended. The first sentence of section 3964 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 427 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

Except as provided in this section, no settlement or general release or statement either oral, in writing, or electronically recorded made by any person confined in a hospital or sanitarium as a patient with reference to any personal injuries for which said person is confined in said hospital or sanitarium shall be admissible in evidence, used or referred to in any manner at the trial of any action to recover damages for personal injuries or consequential damages, so called, resulting therefrom, which statement, settlement or general release was obtained within ~~20~~ 90 days after the injuries were sustained and such settlement or release shall be null and void.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to change 20 days to 90 days within which time releases from injured persons in hospitals are null and void.