

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 2082**

H. P. 1689

House of Representatives, January 2, 1974

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Whitzell of Gardiner.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT** Relating to Admittance of Indigents to Hospitals.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 4505, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section 4505, to read as follows:

§ 4505. Admittance of Indigents to hospitals; notification

In the event of an emergency admittance of an indigent person to a hospital, notification must be furnished to the municipality of domicile within 3 business days of such admittance for authorization of such hospitalization.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Municipalities need to know as soon as possible of the admission of a person who may be dependent upon the municipality for support. In addition, the process would give early notice to hospitals if an admitted patient is not eligible for public assistance.