

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 174,  
L. D. 204, Bill, "AN ACT to Protect Physicians  
Engaged in Peer Review."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything  
after the enacting clause and inserting in place  
thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2596, as enacted by PL 1973,  
c. 374, §1, is repealed and the following enacted  
in place thereof:

§2596. Osteopathic review committees

Any physician licensed under this chapter  
shall not be liable for civil damages as the result  
of his acts, omissions or decisions in connection  
with his duties as a member of a utilization  
review committee or as a member of a peer review  
committee which is a requirement of accreditation  
by the American Osteopathic Association or is  
established and functions under the auspices of  
the physician's respective state or county  
professional society or the Board of Osteopathic  
Examinations and Registration.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §3293, as enacted by PL 1971,  
c. 591, §1, is repealed and the following enacted  
in place thereof:

§3293. Review committees

Any physician licensed under this chapter  
shall not be liable for civil damages as a result  
of his acts, omissions or decisions in connection  
with his duties on a utilization review committee,  
medical review committee, surgical review  
committee, peer review committee or disciplinary  
committee which is a requirement of accreditation  
by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of  
Hospitals or is established and operated under  
the auspices of the physician's respective state  
or county professional society or the Board of  
Registration in Medicine.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to also apply the provisions of the bill being amended to osteopathic physicians.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.

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