

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1405

H. P. 1129

House of Representatives, March 24, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Saunders of Bethel.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Institute a Fee System for Hospital, Nursing Home and Boarding Home Licenses to Fund Costs of Licensing.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 5, 3rd sentence is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The fee for such license for boarding homes having a capacity for 6 or less boarders shall be \$100 and for boarding homes having a capacity for more than 6 boarders the fee shall be \$200.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 5, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 303, § 3, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

All fees received by the department under this chapter shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the department for the purpose of carrying out this chapter.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA § 1815, first sentence, as amended by PL 1967, c. 231, § 4, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Each application for license to operate a hospital, sanatorium, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or related institution, within the meaning of this chapter, shall be accompanied by a fee. The department will write regulations that apportion these fees relative to the cost of inspection and relicensure.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill reflects implementation of recommendation No. 26 of the Maine Management and Cost Survey Commission. A dedicated

revenue account will be necessary, assigned to the Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Hospital Services, in order to participate in the Federal Medicare Program. The certification of facilities in the Medicare-Medicaid Program is financed by the Federal Government with 100% federal funding for certification activities.

Passage of this bill will allow the department to withdraw a Part II budget request for \$150,000 as the revenues generated (c \$90,000) will allow continuation of the program at current budget levels.