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H. P. 1865

House of Representatives, January 21, 1976

Referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Byers of Newcastle.

Cosponsor, Mr. DeVane of Ellsworth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

**AN ACT to Require a Majority of Consumer Representation on Governing
Boards of Nonprofit Hospital and Medical Service Organizations.**

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

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA § 2302, last paragraph is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

There shall be not less than 14 directors, at least a majority of whom shall, at all times, not derive any part of their income from the delivery of health care services. The remaining directors shall at all times be licensed health professionals who contract with the corporation for the direct provision of health services, or persons employed by participating health care institutions or organizations that contract with the corporation to provide health services to the corporations' subscribers, or persons employed by associations of providers and professionals of health care services.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall become effective on June 1, 1976 or 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature, whichever is later.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to require all nonprofit hospital and medical service organizations, such as Maine Blue Cross and Blue Shield, to have a governing board composed of at least a majority of consumers. The current law, which this Act proposes to repeal, requires that a majority of the governing board be representatives of providers of health care services.