

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2122

H. P. 1934 House of Representatives, January 28, 1976
Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up
for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hennessey of West Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT to Redefine the Administration of Medication in the Nursing
Practice Act.

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

32 MRSA § 2102, sub-§ 2, ¶ D, as amended by PL 1973, c. 495, § 1, is
further amended to read:

D. Administration of medications and treatment as prescribed by a li-
censed physician or dentist except that the administration of medication
shall not be construed to include the offering of the prescribed medication
to the individual for whom prescribed for his consumption in accordance
with the directions on the individual container in his name.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Correctional facilities, jails, foster homes, etc. do not have licensed profes-
sional nurses to give prescribed medication to people located in these facili-
ties. This Act exempts from defined nursing practice, such an act as taking a
bottle of medicine prescribed for an individual, giving him the prescribed dose
and assuring that it was taken in accordance with the directions on the medi-
cine bottle.