

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 198

H. P. 160

House of Representatives, February 1, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Town Hospitals.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 1761 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1761. Town hospitals

A town may establish and maintain one or more hospitals, nursing facilities, boarding homes or any other institution, place, building or agency for the care, accommodation or hospitalization of the sick or injured or for the care of any aged or other persons requiring or receiving chronic or convalescent care. Any such facility shall be subject to all statutes and licensing requirements applicable to the particular type of facility.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 1762 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1762. Temporary facilities

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1761, in the event of an outbreak of any disease or health problem dangerous to the public health, the town officers or local health officer, with the approval of the department, may establish temporary health care facilities, subject to the supervision of the department.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §§ 1763, 1764, 1765, 1766 and 1767 are repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to repeal various outdated provisions relating to town hospitals and communicable diseases while retaining municipal authority to establish and maintain health care facilities.