

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 925

H. P. 738

House of Representatives, March 2, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Prescott of Hampden.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Requiring Consumer Majorities on the Boards of Health Care Facilities.

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

22 MRSA § 1825, is enacted to read:

§ 1825. Consumer majorities required

Each facility licensed under this chapter and incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation under Maine law shall have public representatives constitute a majority of the members of its board of directors.

1. Consumers defined. Public representatives are defined as consumers of care. Neither the public members or their spouses or children shall, within the preceding 12 months, have been affiliated with, employed by or have had a professional affiliation with any health care facility or institution, health product manufacturer or corporation or insurer providing coverage for hospital or medical care.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill recognizes that representatives of the public must have decision-making authority in health care facilities if dramatically increasing health costs are to be brought under control.