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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1469

H. P. 1208

House of Representatives, March 27, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Miss Brown of Bethel.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Concerning State Payments to Physical Therapists in Certain Nursing Homes.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 3173-A, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 646, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

When therapy is nonreimbursable under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (Medicare), the Department of Human Services shall reimburse any physical or occupational therapist directly for the costs of physical and occupational therapy to individual residents or for professional consultants, or both, to the staff of an intermediate care facility or skilled nursing facility in accordance with professional standards of practice.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 3173-A, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 646, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit physical and occupational therapists, who do work in nursing homes or intermediate care facilities, to be reimbursed directly by the Department of Human Services rather than having the department pay the facility and then the facility pay the therapist.