

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1946**

H. P. 1818

House of Representatives, February 12, 1980

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mr. MacEachern of Lincoln.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

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**AN ACT Relating to the Powers of Hospital Administrative District No. 1 in Penobscot County.**

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

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Legislature, by the Private and Special Laws of 1967, chapter 58, established enabling legislation for the creation of a hospital administrative district in Penobscot County; and

Whereas, the Towns of Howland, Enfield, Burlington, Lowell, Lincoln, Springfield, Lee, Passadumkeag, Chester, Winn and Maxfield and the Plantations of Seboeis, Prentiss and Webster, have each by majority vote thereof voted to enter into the hospital administrative district; and

Whereas, there is an immediate and pressing need for the district, through the Penobscot Valley Hospital, to participate in a hospital-shared services organization to provide health related services with other hospitals and health services agencies in order to alleviate escalating health-care costs and thereby continue to care for the medical treatment needs of the population of the district; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**P&SL 1967, c. 58, § 13**, as enacted by P&SL 1973, c. 201, § 4, is amended by inserting at the end a new paragraph to read:

**The district, through the Penobscot Valley Hospital, may also participate with other hospitals and health service agencies in hospital-shared services organizations for the purpose of providing health-related shared services, including, but not limited to, group purchasing, personnel services, equipment sharing, management engineering, clinical engineering and delinquent accounts collection.**

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.