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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 544

H. P. 492

House of Representatives, February 2, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Berube of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Amend the Hospital Inspection Law.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 1816, first sentence, is amended to read:

Every building, institution or establishment for which a license has been issued shall be periodically inspected by duly appointed representatives of the Bureau of Health under the rules and regulations to be established by said department, and the inspections shall be conducted, to the maximum extent practicable, by those representatives in the course of one visit to the building per applicable period, except that all hospitals licensed by the department which have been certified under the United States Social Security Act, Title XVIII, Public Law 89-97, as added July 30, 1965, or which have obtained accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals from the American Osteopathic Association are not subject to the licensing inspections providing the certification or accreditation is maintained.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 1817, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 694, § 345, is amended to read:

The department is authorized to issue licenses to operate hospitals, sanitoriums, convalescent homes, rest homes, nursing homes or other related institutions which, after inspection, or in the case of hospitals, after inspection or

certification or accreditation as provided in section 1816, are found to comply with this chapter and any regulations adopted by the department.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to exempt all hospitals which are licensed under the United States Social Security Act, Title XVIII, or which have obtained accreditation from either the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals or the American Osteopathic Association from a 2nd, duplicative inspection by the Bureau of Health.