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No. 847

S. P. 303

In Senate, February 13, 1981

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Gill of Cumberland.

Cosponsors: Representative Holloway of Edgecomb, Representative Berube of Lewiston, Representative Randall of East Machias.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Promoting the Availability of Health Care Services.

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

22 MRSA § 253-A is enacted to read:

§ 253-A. Availability of services of licensed health care professionals

It is the policy of the State to encourage availability of the services of licensed health care professionals on the widest geographical basis.

No governmental, quasi-governmental or private regulatory agency or organization may impose any administrative rule, regulatory policy, planning guideline or similar directive which shall or may have the effect of restricting the registration and licensing of health care professionals by reason of number, location or specialty training, except that nothing in this section shall diminish requirements of the National Health Planning Act of 1974, as amended.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Because of the size of the State and the distribution of its population, it is in the best interests of the State to have the services of health care practitioners

available on a wide geographical basis. the purpose of this bill is to promote that goal by discouraging regulatory activities which artificially interfere with it.