

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1306

S. P. 458

In Senate, March 16, 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 Brown of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Allow a Licensed Boarding Facility to Charge a Resident or Other Responsible Party the Difference Between the State Maximum Reimbursement Ceiling and the Audited Rate.

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

22 MRSA § 7907-A is enacted to read:

§ 7907-A. Boarding care fee responsibility

Administrators of licensed boarding care facilities may assess a resident, or party responsible for that resident, for the difference in cost between the reimbursement rate paid by the department and the audited rate. The assessment shall be performed annually, in a prospective manner, based upon the cost of services as estimated by the administrator of the facility. The resident or responsible party shall be notified if the facility has such a policy at the time of admission, or when the policy is adopted.

STATEMENT OF FACT

There is a considerable gap between the maximum reimbursement rate from the Department of Human Services, \$482 in 1980, and the average audited rate of \$515. The recovery of the difference from responsible parties would enable the facility to operate on a more stable financial footing and may slow the need for higher reimbursement rates from the department.