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1 (Governor's Bill)
2 (EMERGENCY)
3 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
4

5 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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7 **Legislative Document**

No. 2096

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9 H. P. 2238 House of Representatives, March 24, 1982
Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Nelson of Portland.

10 Cosponsors: Senator Najarian of Cumberland, Senator Gill of
Cumberland and Representative MacBride of Presque Isle.

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12 **STATE OF MAINE**
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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17 **AN ACT to Extend the Health Facilities**
18 **Information Disclosure Act and to Authorize**
19 **the Charging of Fees for the Dissemination**
20 **of Information.**
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22 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature
23 do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment
24 unless enacted as emergencies; and

25 Whereas, the Health Facilities Information Disclosure
26 Act will be automatically repealed on July 1, 1982, unless
27 sooner extended; and

28 Whereas, the informed development of public policy
29 relating to health care requires that the State regularly
30 assemble and analysis information pertaining to health care
31 costs; and

32 Whereas, the rising costs of health care and services
33 provided by health care facilities require the continued
34 review of proposed hospital budgets; and

1 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these
2 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Consti-
3 tution of Maine and require the following legislation as
4 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
5 peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

7 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §360, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

8 3. Fees. The board may charge and retain fees to
9 recover the reasonable costs incurred both in reproducing
10 and distributing reports, studies and other publications and
11 in responding to requests for information filed with the
12 board.

13 Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §370, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 691,
14 §1, is amended to read:

15 §370. Repeal

16 This chapter shall be repealed on July 1, ~~1982~~ 1983.

17 Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appro-
18 priated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
19 this Act.

20 1982-83

21 HEALTH FACILITIES COST
22 REVIEW BOARD

23 Health Facilities Cost Review Board

24 Positions (2)

25 Personal Services \$ 49,008

26 All Other 78,542

27 TOTAL \$127,550

28 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in
29 the preamble, section 2 of this Act shall take effect when
30 approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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Section 1 of this bill is necessary in light of the substantial demand for copies of reports, studies and other publications in the possession of the board.

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Section 2 of this bill is necessary to extend the operation of the Health Facilities Information Disclosure Act which is scheduled for repeal on July 1, 1982.

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