

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

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7 H.P. 1682 House of Representatives, March 13, 1984  
8 Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule  
24.

9 Speaker laid before the House and on Motion of Representative  
Brannigan of Portland, referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional  
10 Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Melendy of Rockland.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Manning of Portland and Senator Carpenter  
of Aroostook.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR  
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17 AN ACT to Require that Meetings of  
18 Governing Bodies of Nonprofit Hospitals be Open  
19 to the Public.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 22 MRSA §1713 is enacted to read:

24 §1713. Open proceedings

25 The proceedings of every board of directors or  
26 other governing body of any hospital owned or oper-  
27 ated by a nonprofit corporation or nonprofit associa-  
28 tion shall be public proceedings, as defined in Title  
29 1, chapter 13, subchapter I, and shall be open to the  
30 public as required in that subchapter.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 Hospitals owned or operated by nonprofit corpora-  
3 tions or nonprofit associations are utilized by Maine  
4 citizens for essential health and medical services.  
5 Public funds contribute to the revenues and opera-  
6 tions of hospitals. It is in the interest of Maine  
7 people for all proceedings of the boards of directors  
8 or other governing bodies of those hospitals to be  
9 conducted in an open and public manner so that the  
10 people can remain informed of the decisions and deci-  
11 sion-making processes. Hospitals owned or operated by  
12 the State or by local governmental units are already  
13 subject to open meeting requirements.

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