

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 2356

H.P. 1778

House of Representatives, March 22, 1984

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Locke of Sebec.

Cosponsors: Senator Pray of Penobscot, Representative MacEachern of Lincoln and Senator Pearson of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Authorize Hospital  
Administrative District No. 1 and Hospital  
Administrative District No. 4 to Engage in  
a Joint Venture for the Purpose of Owning  
and Operating a Regional Mobile Computerized  
Axial Tomography Scan Unit.

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1973, c. 76, §1, as amended by P&SL 1975, c. 47, §1, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

For the limited purpose of owning and operating a regional mobile computerized axial tomography scan unit, the district may establish, subject to such regulatory approval as may be required by law, with others, within or outside the district, affiliated medical or health-related organizations or entities

1 on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis. The dis-  
2 trict may, for this limited purpose, subject to such  
3 regulatory approval as may be required by law, enter  
4 into agreements or other transactions with any per-  
5 son, including construction agreements, purchase or  
6 acquisition agreements, partnership agreements, in-  
7 cluding limited partnership agreements, joint  
8 ventures, participation agreements or agreements with  
9 leasing corporations or other financial  
10 intermediaries.

11 Sec. 2. P&SL 1967, c. 58, §1, as amended by PL  
12 1971, c. 544, §144, is further amended by adding at  
13 the end a new paragraph to read:

14 For the limited purpose of owning and operating a  
15 regional mobile computerized axial tomography scan  
16 unit, the district may establish, subject to such  
17 regulatory approval as may be required by law, with  
18 others, within or outside the district, affiliated  
19 medical or health-related organizations or entities  
20 on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis. The dis-  
21 trict may, for this limited purpose, subject to such  
22 regulatory approval as may be required by law, enter  
23 into agreements or other transactions with any per-  
24 son, including construction agreements, purchase or  
25 acquisition agreements, partnership agreements, in-  
26 cluding limited partnership agreements, joint  
27 ventures, participation agreements or agreements with  
28 leasing corporations or other financial  
29 intermediaries. The organization and existence of,  
30 and the district's participation in, Katahdin Shared  
31 Services, Inc., is hereby ratified and confirmed.

32 STATEMENT OF FACT

33 The purpose of this bill is to authorize hospital  
34 administrative districts in the State to own and op-  
35 erate a mobile computerized axial tomograph scan unit  
36 through the use of joint ventures, affiliated organi-  
37 zations or other arrangements. This project would be  
38 subject to Certificate of Need review for appropri-  
39 ateness and cost effectiveness and the hospital's ac-  
40 tivities and activities of any affiliated organiza-  
41 tion would be subject to review by the new Maine  
42 Health Care Finance Commission. This is merely en-

1     abling legislation to allow these rural districts to  
2     explore the possibility of a cooperative project.  
3     They will still be required to seek regulatory ap-  
4     proval.

5             This bill also ratifies an existing joint venture  
6     project.

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