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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 845

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7 H.P. 574

House of Representatives, February 28, 1985

8 On Motion of Representative Nelson of Portland, referred to the
9 Committee on Human Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered
10 printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Cashman of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Representative Lisnik of Presque Isle, Representative
11 Bost of Orono and Representative Carroll of Gray.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Require Prior Consent of a Patient
18 before a Medical Consultant can
19 Provide a Billable Service.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 32 MRSA §3298 is enacted to read:

24 §3298. Patient consent prior to consultation

25 No physician licensed pursuant to this chapter or
26 chapter 36, chiropractor licensed pursuant to chapter
27 9 or podiatrist licensed pursuant to chapter 51, who
28 is rendering medical care to an individual may con-
29 sult with another physician, chiropractor or podia-
30 trist such that the patient is billed for that con-
31 sultation or for any services rendered by the con-
32 sulted physician, chiropractor or podiatrist unless
33 the patient consents in writing to the consultation
34 in advance of that consultation.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 Current medical practices permit physicians, chi-
3 ropractors or podiatrists to use or employ a consul-
4 tant or specialist without first informing the pa-
5 tient, which may result in unexpected medical bills.
6 This bill prohibits that practice unless the patients
7 consent in writing to the consultation.

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