

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 164

In Senate, February 20, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator GILL of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec, Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, Representative KIMBALL of Buxton.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Establish Hospital and Nursing Home
2 Policies for Staff and Practice
3 Privileges.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 22 MRSA §1867 is enacted to read:

8 §1867. Policy for staff privileges; licensed psy-
9 chologists

10 Every facility licensed under this chapter shall
11 include in its bylaws and policies provisions setting
12 forth staff and practice privileges which are availa-
13 ble to licensed psychologists.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill requires each hospital and nursing home
3 in this State to develop a policy regarding the staff
4 and practice privileges which it makes available to
5 licensed psychologists and include that policy in its
6 official documents. Such privileges vary throughout
7 the State and some hospitals appear to have no poli-
8 cy. This bill makes no requirement as to what the
9 policy must be, leaving that to the individual facil-
10 ity.

11 Knowing what these privileges are is important to
12 psychologists treating persons who may be hospital-
13 ized. In addition, mental health treatment is proven
14 effective in reducing health care costs and the
15 availability of such services can be beneficial to
16 both the patient and the institution.

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