

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1352

H.P. 1005 House of Representatives, April 27, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative ROLDE of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Permit the Use of Half Doors or
Dutch Doors to Restrain Certain Patients in
Skilled Nursing or Intermediate Care
Facilities.

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

22 MRSA §1828 is enacted to read:

§1828. Use of Dutch doors in skilled nursing or in-
termediate care facilities

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
latched half door or Dutch door may be used in
skilled nursing or intermediate care facilities in
the care of Alzheimer's patients as a restraint to
prevent wandering into danger.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to permit an appropriate solution to wandering by Alzheimer victims by using a half door or Dutch door in place of forced or drug restraints.

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