

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative BOUTILIER of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Prevent the Establishment of a
2 Maximum Limit Reimbursement for
3 Adjustments to the Prospective Rate for
4 Nursing Staff Wages.
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6 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
7 follows:

8 22 MRSA §1708, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced
9 by PL 1975, c. 365, §1, is amended to read:

1 2. Compensation for nursing homes. A nursing
2 home, as defined under section 1812-A, or any portion
3 of a hospital or institution operated as a nursing
4 home, when the State is liable for payment for care,
5 shall be reimbursed at a rate established by the
6 Department of Human Services pursuant to this
7 subsection. The department shall not establish a
8 so-called "flat rate." The department shall establish
9 for each nursing home a payment rate or payment rates
10 relating to various types of care provided in a
11 nursing home. Such rate or rates shall be based on the
12 operating costs attributable to each nursing home as
13 determined by such accounting and auditing standards
14 and procedures as the department may establish. The
15 department may not establish a maximum limit on
16 reimbursement for adjustments to the prospective rate
17 for nursing staff wages. The provisions of this
18 subsection shall apply to all funds, including federal
19 funds, paid by any agency of the State to a nursing
20 home for patient care. The provisions of this
21 subsection shall apply, notwithstanding any other
22 provisions of law.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

24 This bill provides that the Department of Human
25 Services may not establish a maximum limit on
26 reimbursement for adjustments to the prospective rate
27 for nursing staff wages.

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