

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 219

House of Representatives, February 21, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CROWLEY of Stockton Springs.

Cosponsored by Senator CLARK of Cumberland, Senator GILL of Cumberland and Representative MANNING of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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An Act Pertaining to Breast Cancer Treatment.

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

3               **22 MRSA §1402-A is enacted to read:**

5       §1402-A. Breast cancer; duty to inform

7               The failure of a physician or surgeon to inform a patient of  
9       alternative efficacious methods of treatment which may be  
11       medically viable, including surgical, radiological or  
13       chemotherapeutic treatments or combinations of those methods,  
15       when the patient is being treated for any form of breast cancer,  
17       constitutes unprofessional conduct.

19                               **STATEMENT OF FACT**

21               The purpose of this bill is to make sure that the patient  
being treated for breast cancer is adequately informed by the  
physician or surgeon of the viable alternatives available to the  
patient.