

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 163

In Senate, February 22, 1989

Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PERKINS of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative DiPIETRO of South Portland and Representative PINES of Limestone.

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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 to Increase the License Fees for Hospitals and Long-term Care  
Facilities.

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

3 **22 MRSA §1815**, as amended by PL 1981, c. 703, Pt. A, §12,  
is further amended to read:

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7 **§1815. Fees**

9 Each application for a license to operate a hospital,  
10 convalescent home or nursing home shall be accompanied by a fee  
11 of ~~\$50 for facilities less than 50 beds in size, a fee of \$100~~  
12 ~~for facilities 51 to 100 beds in size, and a fee of \$200 for~~  
13 ~~facilities larger than 100 beds in size~~ \$5 for each bed contained  
14 within the facility. No Any such fee shall not be refunded. All  
15 licenses issued shall be renewed annually upon payment of a like  
16 fee. The state's State's share of all fees received by the  
17 department under this chapter shall be deposited in the General  
Fund. No license granted shall may be assignable or transferable.

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#### 20 STATEMENT OF FACT

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22 The current fee schedule for licenses for hospitals and  
23 long-term care facilities was established in 1975. During the  
24 past 13 years, there has been an increase in the number of  
25 licensed health care beds in the State. There has also been a  
26 large expansion of the licensure review and oversight activities  
27 of the Division of Licensing and Certification. In that period,  
28 there has been a significant degree of inflation. This bill,  
29 therefore, provides that the license fee be set at \$5 per bed to  
30 bring the fee to a level that addresses current costs and  
31 responsibilities.