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House of Representatives, April 3, 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 PINES of Limestone.

Cosponsored by Representative MERRILL of Dover-Foxcroft, Senator PERKINS of Hancock and Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Prohibit Smoking in Hospitals.



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

3 22 MRSA §1580-B is enacted to read:

5 §1580-B. Smoking in hospitals

7 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
9 indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

11 A. "Hospital" means any acute care institution required to
13 be licensed pursuant to chapter 405, including the Augusta
Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health
Institute.

15 B. "Smoking" means carrying or having in one's possession a
17 lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other object giving off or
containing any substance giving off tobacco smoke.

19 2. Prohibition. No person may smoke tobacco or any other
21 substance in any enclosed area of any hospital, except as
otherwise provided in this section.

23 3. Exception. A hospital patient may smoke in designated
25 areas within the hospital if a licensed physician has written an
order permitting the patient to smoke.

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29 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

31 The purpose of this bill is to prohibit smoking in Maine
33 hospitals, except by hospital patients on the written order of a
physician.