

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

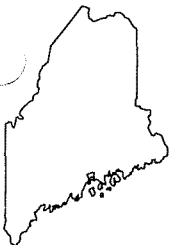
Presented by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of Aroostook and Representative RYDELL of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Ensure Prompt Collection of Certain Outpatient Health Care Data.



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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §394, sub-§2, ¶C,** as amended by PL 1989, c.
565, §5, is further amended to read:

6 C. A completed uniform hospital discharge data set, or
7 comparable information, for each patient discharged from the
8 facility after June 30, 1983; and for each major ambulatory
9 service listed pursuant to subsection 11, occurring after
10 January 1, 1991 1990.

12 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
13 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1989-90	1990-91
MAINE HEALTH CARE FINANCE COMMISSION		
All Other	\$6,000	\$1,800
Capital Expenditures	4,800	
Provides funds to cover the nonhospital health providers' share of the cost of collecting certain outpatient data in fiscal year 1989-90, and that portion of the nonhospital providers' share for fiscal year 1990-91 that was not covered by Public Law 1989, chapter 565, section 12, making the total for fiscal year 1990-91 \$12,600 for this program. Funds will be used to edit data, purchase a computer and office furniture and cover general operating expenses.		
MAINE HEALTH CARE FINANCE COMMISSION		
TOTAL	\$10,800	\$1,800

44 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

46 The Maine Health Care Finance Commission has had authority
48 to collect hospital outpatient data, to the extent needed for
50 regulatory purposes, since it was created in 1983. Public Law
1989, chapter 565, section 5, however, mandated the collection of
such hospital data for the first time. The new mandatory

2 language refers to 1991 rather than 1990. This could have the
4 unintended effect of delaying hospital outpatient data collection
6 for another year, at the very time that Public Law 1989, chapter
8 588, directs the commission to study outpatient regulation and
implement a new system of regulating rates for outpatient
services by 1992. This bill prevents delay in collecting
hospital data by changing the implementation date from 1991 to
1990.

10 In Public Law 1989, chapter 565, section 6, the commission
12 was also directed to collect data on certain outpatient surgery
14 performed outside of hospitals, beginning in 1990. The
16 appropriation in chapter 565 only provide funds for needed
equipment and operating expenses for the latter half of the
1990-91 fiscal year. This effectively delays collection of
nonhospital data, essential for a full understanding of trends in
hospital care, until 1991.

18 Section 2 of this bill allows the 1990 statutory date to be
20 honored by appropriating the additional amounts needed.