

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION - 1990

Legislative Document

No. 2262

S.P. 886

In Senate, February 1, 1990

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec and Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act Relating to Pharmacy Services to Nursing Home Residents.



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

22 MRS §1829 is enacted to read:

§1829. Pharmaceutical services in nursing homes

1. Notice. Each nursing home must post a notice in a place within the nursing home where notices for residents are ordinarily posted stating that each resident has the right to obtain medication from a pharmacy of the resident's choice as provided in section 1826, subsection 1.

2. Review of pharmaceutical services. A nursing home may not use a pharmacy that supplies a resident with pharmaceutical services, including medication, to perform the periodic review of that resident's medications as required by federal and state rules.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill addresses 2 problems concerning the provision of medications in nursing homes. It provides nursing home residents notice of the guarantees in federal regulations and state law that residents be allowed to choose the pharmacy that provides their medications.

The bill also requires that the monthly drug regimen review required for residents of nursing homes be performed by a pharmacy other than the one that supplies the medication in order to avoid potential conflicts of interest for pharmacies.