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In Senate, March 18, 1991

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
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 GAUVREAU of Androscoggin

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Extend the Reporting Deadline of the Commission to Study
the Certificate of Need Law and the Impact of Competitive Market
Forces on Ambulatory Health Services.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)



2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 Whereas, the Commission to Study the Certificate of Need Law
and the Impact of Competitive Market Forces on Ambulatory Health
Services, established by Public Law 1989, chapter 588, Part A,
8 section 56, was to submit a report to the Joint Standing
Committee on Human Resources by December 15, 1990; and

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12 Whereas, the commission needs additional time to complete
the review and revision of its final report; and

14 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
16 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
18 safety; now, therefore,

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

22 **Sec. 1. PL 1989, c. 588, Pt. A, §56, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL
1989, c. 919, §16, is further amended to read:

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26 B. The Study Commission shall study the current and
potential impact of competitive market forces on outpatient
volumes and the cost, quality and accessibility of
28 ambulatory health services. Its study shall include an
evaluation of the advisability of deregulating various
30 outpatient services. Its study must also include evaluation
of methods of sizing the Hospital Development Account. The
32 Study Commission shall submit its recommendations, including
any necessary legislation to implement its recommendations,
34 to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources by
~~December 15, 1990~~ February 23, 1991. In the course of this
36 study, the commission shall consider the likely impact of
deregulating the charges made by hospitals for outpatient
38 services and the elimination of any continuing restrictions
on the establishment of preferred provider arrangements.

40 **Sec. 2. PL 1989, c. 588, Pt. A, §56, sub-§5** is amended to read:

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44 **5. Sunset.** This Part A, section 56 of this Act is repealed
~~December 15, 1990~~ February 23, 1991.

46 **Sec. 3. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to
December 15, 1990.

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50 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill extends the final reporting date for the Commission to Study the Certificate of Need Law and the Impact of Competitive Market Forces on Ambulatory Health Services.

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