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House of Representatives, April 10, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODRIDGE of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by Representative MAHANY of Easton and Representative RAND of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Protect Consumers and Provide Access to Information.

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

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3 Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2503, sub-§3, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1977, c.
4 492, §3, is amended to read:

6 C. A system for the continuous collection of data with
7 respect to the provider's experience with negative health
8 care outcomes and incidents injurious to patients, whether
9 or not they give rise to claims, patient grievances, claims,
10 suits, professional liability premiums, settlements, awards,
11 allocated and administrative costs of claims handling, costs
12 of patient injury prevention and safety engineering
13 activities, and other relevant statistics and information;
14 and

16 Sec. 2. 24 MRSA §2503, sub-§3, ¶E is enacted to read:

18 E. An information mechanism designed to provide victims of
19 medical injury with a complete legible copy of all incident
20 reports relating to the medical injury and the opportunity
21 of the victim, the family of the victim and the victim's
22 representative to attend and participate in the quality
23 review meetings and meetings to determine the necessity of
24 medical care called to review the professional services
25 rendered to the patient; and

26 Sec. 3. 24 MRSA §2510, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1985, c. 185,
28 §3, is repealed.

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32 STATEMENT OF FACT

34 This bill allows a victim of medical injury the opportunity
35 to participate in medical peer review relating to that injury and
36 to receive a complete legible copy of the hospital incident
report reporting the medical injury.

38 The bill also repeals a provision that made confidential
39 information under the Maine Health Security Act, Maine Revised
40 Statutes, Title 24, section 2501, unavailable for an action
41 relating to the provision or failure to provide health services.
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