

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1233

House of Representatives, May 6, 1991

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

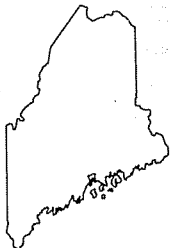
Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro.

Cosponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Portland, Representative MANNING of Portland and Senator GILL of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Establish a Trauma Advisory Committee and a Voluntary
Trauma Reporting System.**



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

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4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§37-B** is enacted to read:

6 **37-B.** Trauma Preven- Not 22 MRSA
8 Emergency tion and Con- Authorized §1421
10 Medical trol Advisory
12 Services' Committee
14 Board

16 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA c. 256** is enacted to read:

18 **CHAPTER 256**

20 **TRAUMA REPORTING**

22 **§1421. Duty of physicians and hospitals**

24 All hospitals may voluntarily report to the Emergency
26 Medical Services' Board all persons diagnosed as suffering from
28 trauma. Trauma reports should be made no later than 30 days from
30 the date of diagnosis or the date of discharge from the hospital,
32 whichever is later. Trauma is defined by guidelines published by
34 the board.

36 A physician, upon request of the board, may report to the
38 board any further information requested by the board concerning
40 any person now or formerly under that physician's care who was
42 diagnosed as having suffered from trauma.

44 A physician or hospital that voluntarily reports as allowed
46 by this section is not liable for any civil damages for making
48 the report.

50 **§1422. Trauma-incidence registry**

52 The board shall establish, maintain and operate a statewide
trauma-incidence registry.

54 **§1423. Trauma prevention and control advisory committee**

56 The Trauma Prevention and Control Advisory Committee,
58 established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 37-B, is
60 appointed by the Emergency Medical Services' Board and consists
62 of a committee to advise the board on the operation of the
64 trauma-incidence registry and on the development and maintenance
66 of a coordinated statewide approach to trauma prevention and
68 control.

70 The committee is advisory in nature, except that the
72 committee shall review and approve requests for information from
74 the trauma-incidence registry. Any personally identifiable

2 medical information contained within the trauma-incidence
3 registry is confidential and may not be released by the committee
4 or the board.

5 The committee consists of at least 5 members appointed by
6 the Emergency Medical Services' Board. Members are not entitled
7 to compensation for their services. Members are appointed to
8 2-year terms, except that 2 of the initial members are appointed
9 to 3-year terms.

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12 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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14 This bill establishes a Trauma Prevention and Control
15 Advisory Committee and authorizes the Emergency Medical Services'
16 Board to establish, maintain and operate a statewide
17 trauma-incidence registry.
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