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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative DORE of Auburn. Cosponsored by Representative HOGLUND of Portland, Senator GILL of Cumberland and Representative CLARK of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Prohibit the State from Entering into Residential Treatment Facility Contracts That Give Preference to Former Patients of State Mental Health Institutes.

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	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3607 is enacted to read:
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-	<u>§3607. Contracts with residential care facilities</u>
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8	The department may not enter into a contract with a residential care facility if the contract includes language giving preference for services to a person who is a patient at a
10	state mental health institute. Nothing in this section precludes the department from entering into a contract with a residential
12	<u>care facility that gives preference for services to a person</u>
14	based on the severity of that person's illness.
16	STATEMENT OF FACT
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20	This bill prohibits the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation from entering into contracts with residential care facilities that give preference to patients of the Augusta
22	Mental Health Institute or the Bangor Mental Health Institute.

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