

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 128

H.P. 93

House of Representatives, January 17, 1995

**An Act to Enhance Access to Ombudsman Program Services for  
Consumers of Residential Care and Nursing Home Residents.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FITZPATRICK of Durham.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, JOHNSON of South Portland,  
TOWNSEND of Portland, TREAT of Gardiner, Senator: PARADIS of Aroostook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1815-A**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 765, §1,  
is amended to read:

6 **§1815-A. Nursing home surcharge**

8 In addition to the fee in section 1815, an application for a  
license to operate a nursing home must be accompanied by a  
10 nonrefundable surcharge of ~~\$5~~ **\$10** for each bed contained within  
the facility. The surcharge must be deposited in the General  
12 Fund.

14 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §7903-A** is enacted to read:

16 **§7903-A. Residential care facility surcharge**

18 In addition to the fee in section 7903, an application for a  
license to operate a residential care facility must be  
20 accompanied by a nonrefundable surcharge of \$10 for each bed  
contained within the facility. The surcharge must be deposited  
22 in the General Fund.

24 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

26 This bill increases the license fee surcharge for nursing  
28 homes from \$5 per bed to \$10 per bed and establishes a license  
fee surcharge for residential care facilities at \$10 per bed in  
30 order to offset General Fund appropriations for the Long-term  
Care Ombudsman Program, which is mandated to advocate on behalf  
32 of residents of these facilities.