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No. 388

S.P. 109

In Senate, January 23, 1997

**An Act to Ensure State Payment to Nursing Homes of Costs Associated
with State Adult Protection Custody Orders.**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DAVIDSON of Brunswick, ETNIER of Harpswell.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3493** is enacted to read:

6 **§3493. Nursing facility payment**

8 The department shall reimburse a nursing facility for care
10 provided to a state ward on or after February 28, 1996 if the
12 ward is no longer financially capable of paying for the services
14 provided and the services are not reimbursable through Medicaid
16 or any other 3rd-party payment source.

18 The payment amount provided for in this section may be
20 adjusted or dispensed with on terms mutually agreeable to the
22 department and the nursing facility.

24 **Sec. 2. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to
26 February 28, 1996.

28 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill requires the Department of Human Services, as
32 guardian, to pay certain nursing facility bills received after a
34 state ward's resources are depleted and before the time the
36 individual is eligible for Medicaid or any other 3rd-party
38 payment source.