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S.P. 288

In Senate, February 11, 1997

An Act to Require Certain Employees of Health Care Facilities to Wear Identification Badges.

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 Senators: HARRIMAN of Cumberland, PENDLETON of Cumberland,
PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, ROWE of Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1717** is enacted to read:

5 **§1717. Identification**

6 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the
7 context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the
8 following meanings.

9 A. "Health care facility" means a facility that provides
10 health care services directly to patients, including, but
11 not limited to, a hospital, clinic, pharmacy, health care
12 provider's office, health maintenance organization,
13 diagnostic or treatment center, neuropsychiatric or mental
14 health facility, hospice or nursing home.

15 B. "Identification badge" means a badge, designed to be
16 worn on a person's clothing, that is visible, readable and
17 displays the name, licensure status and staff position of
18 the person wearing the badge.

19 **2. Identification badge required.** A person shall wear an
20 identification badge if that person:

21 A. Observes, examines, treats or otherwise provides health
22 care services directly to patients or residents at a health
23 care facility; and

24 B. Is employed by, works for, volunteers with, contracts
25 with, leases space from or otherwise provides services at a
26 health care facility.

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29 **SUMMARY**

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33 **This bill requires that persons who observe, examine or**
34 **treat patients or residents at health care facilities wear**
35 **identification badges.**