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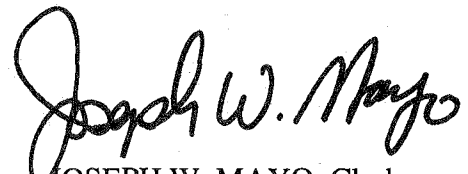
No. 1276

H.P. 929

House of Representatives, February 27, 1997

**An Act to Require Legislative Confirmation of Chairs of Medical
Malpractice Mandatory Prelitigation Screening and Mediation Panels.**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MUSE of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin.

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

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2852, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1991, c. 130.
§1, is further amended to read:

1. **Creation of panel lists.** The Chief Justice of the Superior Court shall ~~recommend to each clerk of the Superior Court the names of~~ nominate retired justices and judges, persons with judicial experience and other qualified persons to serve ~~on~~ as chair of screening panels under this subchapter. The nominations are subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters and to confirmation by the Senate. The Secretary of the Senate shall send the names of confirmed persons to the Chief Justice of the Superior Court and to each clerk of the Superior Court. The clerk shall place these names on a list from which the Chief Justice of the Superior Court will choose a panel chair under subsection 2.

Each clerk of the Superior Court shall maintain lists of health care practitioners, health care providers and attorneys recommended by the professions involved to serve on screening panels under this subchapter.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Legislature to confirm persons as chairs of medical malpractice mandatory prelitigation screening and mediation panels.