

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 394

In Senate, February 27, 1997

**An Act to Prohibit Nursing Homes from Charging Private-payor Patients  
More Than Medicaid Patients.**

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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 PINGREE of Knox.

Cosponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot, Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell,  
GERRY of Auburn, LOVETT of Scarborough, SAVAGE of Union, TOWNSEND of Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1831** is enacted to read:

6 **§1831. Limitation on charges**

8 A nursing home that accepts patients who are covered under  
10 the Medicaid program may not charge patients not covered under  
12 that program more than is charged for patients who are covered  
14 under that program.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill provides that nursing homes that accept Medicaid patients may not charge higher fees to private-payor patients.