

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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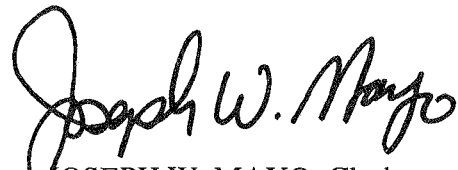
H.P. 1120

House of Representatives, March 18, 1997

**An Act to Require that Life-support Systems in Medical Facilities Have  
Back-up Generators.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BUCK of Yarmouth.  
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and  
Representatives: SAMSON of Jay, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, VOLENIK of Brooklin.

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. Back-up generators**

8           As a precondition to licensure under this chapter, a  
10 facility that maintains life-support equipment or a life-support  
12 system must maintain a back-up power generator sufficient to  
14 ensure the safe and uninterrupted operation of the life-support  
equipment or system if there were a general power outage in the  
area in which the facility is located. The department shall  
adopt routine technical rules, pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375,  
subchapter II-A, to ensure compliance with this section.

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18   **SUMMARY**

20           This bill requires a hospital or other medical care  
22 institution that maintains a life-support system or life-support  
24 equipment to maintain a back-up power generator to ensure the  
uninterrupted operation of the system or equipment.