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6	HEALTH AND H	UMAN SERVICES
8	Reported by: Senator Paradis	
10	Reproduced and distributed under of the Senate.	the direction of the Secretary
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16	FIRST SPEC	IAL SESSION
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" +	o S.P. 529, L.D. 1634, Bill, "An
20	Act to Promote Consumer Choice	
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24	Amend the bill by striking the following:	out the title and substituting
26	'An Act to Provide Information to	Consumers of Health Care'
28		striking out everything after the ummary and inserting in its place
30	the following:	
32	'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1831 is ena	cted to read:
34	§1831. Patient referrals	
36		ion. In order to provide for
38		ecisions, a hospital or nursing licensed providers of care and
,		esidents prior to discharge for
40	whom home health care or nursing	
42		residents requiring home health e all licensed home health care
44	providers that request to b	e listed and any branch offices, one numbers, that serve the area
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2	B. For all patients or residents requiring nursing facility
4	care, the list must include all nursing facilities that request to be listed that serve the area in which the
-	patient or resident resides or wishes to reside.
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	C. The hospital or nursing facility shall disclose to the
8	patient or resident any direct or indirect financial
	interest the hospital or nursing facility has in the nursing
10	facility or home health care provider.
12	2. Rulemaking. The department shall establish by rule
J. 44	guidelines necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.
14	Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules
	pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.
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	Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
18	summary the following:
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