

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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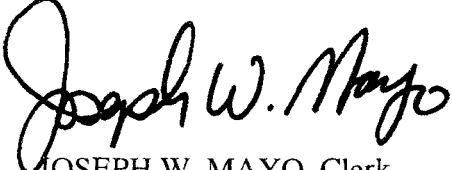
House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

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**An Act to Require the Retention of Medical Records.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BAGLEY of Machias.  
Cosponsored by Senator CASSIDY of Washington and  
Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, DUGAY of Cherryfield, GOODWIN of  
Pembroke, McALEVEY of Waterboro, POVICH of Ellsworth, SHOREY of Calais.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1712-A is enacted to read:**

6 **§1712-A. Retention of health care records**

8 **1. Records to be retained. A hospital licensed by the**  
10 **State under this Title or a health care practitioner, as provided**  
12 **in section 1711-B, shall retain records regarding the health care**  
14 **services provided by the hospital or practitioner as follows:**

16 **A. Records of a person 18 years of age or older must be**  
18 **retained for 3 years; and**

20 **B. Records of a person under 18 years of age must be**  
22 **retained for 6 years.**

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires health care records to be retained by health care practitioners and hospitals for 3 years for adults and 6 years for minors.