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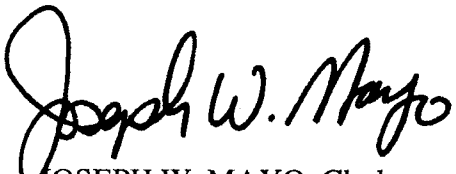
House of Representatives, January 26, 1999

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**An Act Concerning the Authority of the Maine Health and Higher  
Educational Facilities Authority.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TOWNSEND of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BRUNO of Raymond, STEVENS of Orono, Senator:  
BERUBE of Androscoggin.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2053, sub-§3-A,** as amended by PL 1995, c.  
5 670, Pt. C, §2 and affected by Pt. D, §5, is further amended to  
6 read:

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8       **3-A. Health care facility.** "Health care facility" means a  
9 nonprofit nursing home that is, or will be upon completion,  
10 licensed under chapter 405 and has obtained a certificate of need  
11 under the provisions of chapter 103; a residential care facility  
12 that is, or will be upon completion, licensed under chapter 1663;  
13 a continuing care retirement community that is, or will be upon  
14 completion, licensed under Title 24-A, chapter 73; an assisted  
15 living facility that is, or will be upon completion, licensed  
16 under chapter 1665; a hospital; a community mental health  
17 facility; or a community health center.

18       **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2055, sub-§8-A** is enacted to read:

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20       **8-A. Application criteria.** To establish criteria for the  
21 acceptance or rejection of any application to the authority by a  
22 participating health care facility or a participating institution  
23 of higher education;

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25       **Sec. 3. Establish qualification criteria.** The Maine Health and  
26 Higher Educational Facilities Authority shall establish criteria  
27 for the acceptance or rejection of any application for assistance  
28 by the authority and shall submit those proposed criteria to the  
29 Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The  
30 proposed criteria must be submitted to the committee by December  
31 1, 1999.

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34                                   **SUMMARY**

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36       This bill limits the types of nursing homes qualified to  
37 receive Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority  
38 assistance, requires nonprofit nursing homes to acquire a  
39 certificate of need before receiving authority assistance and  
40 requires the authority to establish criteria for all applicants  
for authority assistance.