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H.P. 556

House of Representatives, January 28, 1999

An Act to Require Nursing Facilities to Use Standardized Contracts.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LOVETT of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, DUGAY of Cherryfield, JONES of Pittsfield,
MURPHY of Berwick, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, WILLIAMS of Orono, Senators:
BENNETT of Oxford, MITCHELL of Penobscot.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1826, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 329,
§2, is amended to read:

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8 **4. Standardized contract.** The commissioner shall adopt
rules to ~~standardise nursing home contracts for all nursing home~~
residents ~~--to~~ require every nursing facility to adopt a
10 standardized nursing home contract prescribed by the department.
12 The standardized contract must clarify the rights and obligations
of residents and must enable residents and their families to
14 compare the rates charged and services offered by different
nursing homes. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are
routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375,
subchapter II-A.

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SUMMARY

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22 This bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to
adopt rules to require every nursing facility to adopt a
24 standardized nursing home contract prescribed by the department.
This standardized contract must clarify the rights and
obligations of residents and enable residents and their families
to compare the rates charged and services offered by different
26 nursing homes.