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H.P. 843

House of Representatives, February 11, 1999

An Act to Amend the Property Tax Exemption for Hospitals.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and
Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, JABAR of Waterville, MAILHOT of Lewiston,
RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SAXL of Bangor, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, Senator:
DAGGETT of Kennebec.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §652, sub-§1, ¶K,** as amended by PL 1973, c.
4 719, is further amended to read:

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7 K. The real and personal property ~~leased--by~~ owned and
8 occupied or used solely for its own purposes by an
9 incorporated benevolent and charitable organization ~~which~~
10 that is exempt from taxation under section 501 of the
11 Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and the primary
12 purpose of which is the operation of a hospital licensed by
13 the Department of Human Services, health maintenance
14 organization or blood bank.

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SUMMARY

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19 This bill makes the property tax exemption for hospitals
20 consistent with the exemptions granted to other organizations by
requiring a hospital to own the property rather than lease it.