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In Senate, March 2, 1999

An Act to Promote Equity Among Health Care Clinics.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative MAYO of Bath.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§16, as amended by PL 1987, c. 343, 4 §4, is further amended to read:

Hospitals, research centers, churches and schools. 6 16. Sales to incorporated hospitals, incorporated nonprofit nursing 8 homes licensed by the Department of Human Services, incorporated nonprofit boarding care facilities licensed by the Department of 10 Human Services, incorporated nonprofit home health care agencies certified under the United States Social Security Act of 1965, Title XVIII, as amended, incorporated nonprofit rural community 12 health centers engaged in, or providing facilities for, the delivery of comprehensive primary health care, incorporated 14 nonprofit health clinics, incorporated nonprofit dental health centers, institutions incorporated as nonprofit corporations for 16 the sole purpose of conducting medical research or for the 18 purpose of establishing and maintaining laboratories for scientific study and investigation in the field of biology or 20 ecology or operating educational television or radio stations, schools and regularly organized churches or houses of religious 22 worship, excepting sales, storage or use in activities which that are mainly commercial enterprises. "Schools" means incorporated 24 educational institutions, including institutions nonstock empowered to confer educational, literary or academic degrees, which that have a regular faculty, curriculum and organized body 26 of pupils or students in attendance throughout the usual school 28 year, which and that keep and furnish to students and others records required and accepted for entrance to schools of 30 secondary, collegiate or graduate rank, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any individual. 32

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SUMMARY

This bill provides the same sales and use tax exemption to nonprofit health clinics that is currently available to hospitals and their affiliated clinics, nonprofit dental health clinics and similar health care providers.