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S.P. 536

In Senate, March 2, 1999

An Act Regarding Hospital Cooperation.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1887**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 232, §6, is
5 further amended to read:

6 **§1887. Assessment**

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8 Except for state-operated mental health hospitals, all
9 hospitals licensed by the department are subject to an annual
10 assessment under this chapter. The department shall collect the
11 assessment. ~~The amount of the assessment must be based upon each~~
12 ~~hospital's gross patient service revenue.~~ For any fiscal year,
13 the aggregate amount raised by the assessment must be equal to
14 ~~the amount allocated by law to carry out the purposes of this~~
15 ~~chapter in that fiscal year \$200,000.~~ ~~The allocation for the~~
16 ~~fiscal years 1995-96 and 1996-97 is limited to no more than~~
17 ~~\$200,000 per year.~~ The department shall deposit funds collected
18 under this section into a dedicated revenue account. Funds
19 remaining in the account at the end of each fiscal year do not
20 lapse but carry forward into subsequent years. Funds deposited
21 into the account must be allocated to carry out the purposes of
22 this chapter.

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25 **SUMMARY**

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27 This bill clarifies that the annual assessment placed on
28 hospitals under the Hospital Cooperation Act of 1992 is
29 \$200,000. This bill is the recommendation of the Department of
30 the Attorney General.
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