

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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No. 2078

S.P. 728

In Senate, March 30, 1999

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### **An Act Allowing Increased Flexibility of Swing Beds.**

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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 GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §326 is enacted to read:**

6 **§326. Swing beds**

8 The department shall adopt routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A permitting nursing homes to:

10 1. Designation of level of care. Designate the level of care for a bed based on the level of care needed by the patient admitted for the bed; or

14 2. Change in level of care. Change the level of care for a bed without requiring a certificate of need.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill requires the Department of Human Services to adopt  
22 rules permitting a nursing home to designate the level of care  
24 for a bed based on the level of care of the person admitted or to  
26 change the level of care for a bed without requiring a  
certificate of need.