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House of Representatives, May 12, 1999

An Act to Permit Certain Referrals by Health Care Practitioners.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SAXL of Portland.

	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
4	Whereas, access to health care is a high priority for
6	citizens of Maine; and
8	Whereas, there are currently pending agreements between health care practitioners that, as affected by this legislation,
10	would ease access to health care; and
12	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
14	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
16	safety; now, therefore,
18	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
20	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2085, sub-§9 is enacted to read:
22	9. Referrals to other practitioners permitted.
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