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H.P. 293

House of Representatives, January 30, 2001

An Act to Encourage Smoke-free Hospitals in Maine.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative LOVETT of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and
Representatives: ANDREWS of York, DUDLEY of Portland, FULLER of Manchester,
McKENNEY of Cumberland, STEDMAN of Hartland, Senators: DOUGLASS of
Androscoggin, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, MITCHELL of Penobscot.

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1580-B, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by
4 PL 1989, c. 878, Pt. G, §1, is amended to read:

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2. Prohibition. Beginning November 16, 1989, ~~no~~ a person
may not smoke tobacco or any other substance in any enclosed area
8 of any hospital, except ~~as otherwise provided in this section~~
that a hospital may establish an enclosed and adequately
10 ventilated smoking area for patient use. Nothing in this
subsection prohibits a hospital from designating the entire
12 hospital campus, both buildings and grounds, as a nonsmoking area.

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Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1580-B, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1991, c.
501, is repealed.

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Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1580-B, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by
18 PL 1989, c. 878, Pt. G, §1, is repealed.

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SUMMARY

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This bill eliminates the requirement that hospitals and
24 state mental health institutes provide a smoking area but gives
these facilities the discretion to provide a designated smoking
26 area for patient use.