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H.P. 620

House of Representatives, February 15, 2001

An Act to Require a Public Hearing on Hospital Certificate of Need Proposals.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative BOUFFARD of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, COTE of Lewiston,
MAILHOT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, SIMPSON of Auburn, Senators:
DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §306-A, sub-§5-A**, as enacted by PL 1997, c.
689, Pt. B, §18 and affected by Pt. C, §2, is amended to read:

6 **5-A. Public hearing.** Within 30 days of the filing of an
7 application, the department shall advertise and conduct in a
8 location convenient to the proposal location a public
9 ~~informational--meeting~~ hearing at which the applicant shall
10 present information about the proposal. Members of the public
11 must be allowed to present testimony.

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SUMMARY

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17 Current law requires the Department of Human Services to
18 advertise and hold a public informational meeting at which an
19 applicant for a certificate of need for the construction or
20 modification of health care facilities is required to present
information about the proposal.

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23 This bill instead requires the department to advertise and
24 hold a public hearing at which the applicant presents information
about the proposal and the public is allowed to present testimony.