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No. 1506

S.P. 453

In Senate, March 8, 2001

An Act to Ban Powdered Latex Gloves.

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 PENDLETON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative ANDREWS of York and
Senators: RAND of Cumberland, SAVAGE of Knox, Representatives: LAVERRIERE-
BOUCHER of Biddeford, CHICK of Lebanon, DUDLEY of Portland, FULLER of
Manchester, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, McNEIL of Rockland.

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

2 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1718 is enacted to read:

4 **§1718. Powdered latex gloves prohibited**

6 1. Definitions As used in this section, unless the context
8 otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following
10 meanings.

12 A. "Health care facility" means a hospital, psychiatric
14 hospital, nursing facility, kidney disease treatment center
16 including free-standing hemodialysis facility,
18 rehabilitation facility, ambulatory surgical facility,
independent radiological service center, independent cardiac
catheterization center, cancer treatment center or the
office of a private physician or physicians or dentist or
dentists, whether in individual or group practice.

20 B. "Powdered latex glove" means a glove composed of natural
22 rubber latex that is dusted with powder to facilitate
putting the glove on and removing the glove.

24 2. Prohibition. A health care facility may not:

26 A. Provide powdered latex gloves for use by health care
28 workers in the facility; or

30 B. Permit the use of powdered latex gloves in the facility.

32 3. Penalty. A health care facility that violates this
34 section commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture not to
exceed \$500 may be adjudged.

36 **SUMMARY**

38 This bill prohibits hospitals, nursing facilities, doctors'
40 and dentists' offices and other health care facilities from
permitting the use of powdered latex gloves in those facilities.