

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2003

---

Legislative Document

No. 36

S.P. 22

In Senate, January 16, 2003

---

### **An Act to Protect the Privacy of Maine Nurses**

---

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development 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 President DAGGETT of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative PERRY of Calais and  
Senators: HALL of Lincoln, MAYO of Sagadahoc, PENDLETON of Cumberland,  
Representatives: ANDREWS of York, Speaker COLWELL of Gardiner, FLETCHER of  
Winslow, MARRACHÉ of Waterville.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2109** is enacted to read:

6 **§2109. Confidentiality of personal information of applicant  
or licensee**

8 An applicant or licensee shall provide the board with a  
10 current professional address and telephone number, which is the  
12 public contact address, and a personal residence address and  
14 telephone number. An applicant's or licensee's personal  
16 residence address and telephone number, and e-mail address if  
18 provided by the applicant, are confidential information and may  
20 not be disclosed except as permitted by this section or as  
22 required by law unless the personal residence address, telephone  
24 number and e-mail address have been provided as the public  
26 contact address. Personal health information submitted as part  
28 of any application is confidential information and may not be  
30 disclosed except as permitted by this section or as required by  
32 law. The personal health information and personal residence  
34 address and telephone number may be provided to other  
36 governmental licensing or disciplinary authorities or to any  
38 health care providers located within or outside this State that  
40 are concerned with granting, limiting or denying a nurse's  
employment or privileges.

28 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill ensures that the personal residence address and  
32 telephone number, and e-mail address if provided, of an applicant  
34 for licensure by the State Board of Nursing remain confidential  
36 unless the applicant has provided a personal residence address,  
38 telephone number and e-mail address as the public contact  
40 address. It prohibits the disclosure of personal health  
information and personal residence address and telephone number  
except to other governmental licensing or disciplinary  
authorities or to any health care providers located within or  
outside this State that are concerned with granting, limiting or  
denying a nurse's employment or privileges.