

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 355

House of Representatives, February 1, 2005

### **An Act To Reduce Costs Caused by New Procedure Changes for Health Care Providers**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

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

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4           **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §42, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

6           **9. Effective date of newly adopted rules.** Notwithstanding  
8 any other provision of law, when the department adopts a rule  
10 affecting procedures for licensed health care providers, the rule  
12 may not take effect for at least 6 months unless the department  
14 determines that an emergency rule is necessary pursuant to Title  
16 5, section 8054. For the purposes of this subsection, "licensed  
18 health care provider" means a physician, clinic, hospital, health  
20 maintenance organization, home health agency, private clinical  
22 laboratory or other person who provides primary health care  
services and is registered or licensed by the State.

### SUMMARY

18           This bill provides for a minimum of 6 months between the  
20 date of adoption of a rule by the Department of Health and Human  
22 Services and the effective date of that rule for health care  
providers.