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S.P. 225

In Senate, February 10, 2005

An Act To Ensure Access to Swing Beds in Hospitals

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 DOW of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro and
Representative: BISHOP of Boothbay.

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §330, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 664, §2, is amended to read:

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6. Existing capacity. The use by an ambulatory surgical facility licensed on January 1, 1998 of capacity in existence on January 1, 1998; and

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Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §330, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2003, c. 621, §1, is further amended to read:

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7. Critical access hospitals. Conversion by a critical access hospital or a hospital in the process of becoming a critical access hospital of licensed acute care beds to hospital swing beds; and

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Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §330, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

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8. Hospitals. Conversion by a hospital of up to 10 acute care beds to hospital swing beds.

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SUMMARY

This bill allows a hospital to convert up to 10 acute care beds to hospital swing beds without being required to submit a certificate of need.

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