

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 597

House of Representatives, February 16, 2005

### **An Act To Prevent Discrimination against Persons without Health Insurance**

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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 LERMAN of Augusta.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, DUDLEY of Portland,  
MARRACHÉ of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, Senators: MAYO of Sagadahoc, STRIMLING  
of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1712-A** is enacted to read:

6 **§1712-A. Limitation on billing**

8 Beginning January 1, 2006, each hospital licensed under  
10 chapter 405 is limited in the amount that the hospital may bill a  
12 person who has been served in an inpatient or outpatient capacity  
by the hospital and who does not have health insurance or other  
health coverage to 150% of the reimbursement rate provided by the  
MaineCare program for the same inpatient or outpatient service.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 **16**  
18 Beginning January 1, 2006, this bill limits a hospital  
20 licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 405  
22 in the amount the hospital may bill a person who has been served  
in an inpatient or outpatient capacity and who does not have  
health insurance or other health coverage. The limit is 150% of  
the reimbursement rate provided by the MaineCare program for the  
same inpatient or outpatient service.