

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 628

In Senate, May 25, 2005

**An Act To Clarify Entities Eligible for Funding by the Maine Health  
and Higher Educational Facilities Authority**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.  
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 MAYO of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative SMITH of Monmouth and  
Senator: BROMLEY of Cumberland.

2           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

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6           **Whereas,** questions have arisen as to the ability of the  
Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority to  
finance the acquisition of air ambulances as an eligible entity  
or facility; and

10           **Whereas,** it is vitally necessary to the health, safety and  
welfare of the citizens of Maine that the State enjoy a  
coordinated air ambulance system; and

14           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

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

22           **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2053, sub-§3-A,** as amended by PL 2001, c.  
596, Pt. B, §7 and affected by §25, is further amended to read:

24           **3-A. Health care facility.** "Health care facility" means a  
26 nursing home that is, or will be upon completion, licensed under  
chapter 405; a residential care facility that is, or will be upon  
28 completion, licensed under chapter 1663; a continuing care  
retirement community that is, or will be upon completion,  
30 licensed under Title 24-A, chapter 73; an assisted living  
facility that is, or will be upon completion, licensed under  
32 chapter 1664; a hospital; a community mental health facility; a  
scene response air ambulance licensed under Title 32, chapter 2-B  
34 and the rules adopted thereunder; or a community health center.

36           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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## SUMMARY

42           This bill expands the list of entities and facilities that  
qualify for financing by the Maine Health and Higher Educational  
44 Facilities Authority to include certain licensed air ambulances.