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S.P. 727

In Senate, January 4, 2006

An Act To Prevent State Taxpayers from Subsidizing Large Employers

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative LERMAN of Augusta, Representative CANAVAN of Waterville and
Representative: WEBSTER of Freeport.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3194 is enacted to read:**

6 **§3194. Health care disclosure**

8 **1. Proposed beneficiary defined.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "proposed beneficiary" means:

10 A. An individual who files an application for health care
12 benefits under MaineCare; or

14 B. A person requesting uncompensated care in a hospital.

16 **2. Information required.** A proposed beneficiary, upon
18 applying for health care benefits under MaineCare or upon
20 requesting uncompensated care in a hospital, shall identify the
22 employer or employers of the proposed beneficiary. If the
24 proposed beneficiary is not employed, the proposed beneficiary
shall identify the employer or employers of any adult who is
responsible for providing all or some of the proposed
beneficiary's support.

26 **3. Provision of information to the Legislature.** On or
28 before October 1st annually, the department shall transmit to the
30 Legislature a report identifying all employers identified
32 pursuant to the application requirements in subsection 2 who
34 employ 50 or more MaineCare beneficiaries. In determining
36 whether the 50-employee threshold is met, the department shall
38 include all MaineCare beneficiaries employed by the employer and
40 its subsidiaries at all locations within the State. The report
must include each employer's name, location or locations, the
total number of its employees and dependents who are enrolled in
the MaineCare program and the total cost to the State of
providing MaineCare benefits for the employees and enrolled
dependents of each named employer. The report may not include
the names of any individual beneficiaries of the MaineCare
program.

42 **4. Public access to information.** The department shall post
44 the report produced pursuant to subsection 3 on a publicly
46 accessible site on the Internet maintained by the department and
shall make copies of the report available to members of the
public upon request.

SUMMARY

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4 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human
6 Services to collect and disclose the names of the employers of
8 applicants for MaineCare, and of persons requesting uncompensated
 care in a hospital. In addition, the department is directed to
 disclose the total cost to the State of providing MaineCare
 benefits for the employees of each named employer and their
 enrolled dependents.