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An Act To Support Small, Local and Efficient Hospitals

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

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Presented by Representative MILLS of Farmington.
Cosponsored by Senator GOOLEY of Franklin and
Representative: SAVIELLO of Wilton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-LL** is enacted to read:

3 **§3174-LL. Hospital reimbursement under the MaineCare program**

4 The Department of Health and Human Services, when reimbursing hospitals for
5 services provided to MaineCare members for hospital fiscal years 2004 to 2006, shall use
6 a formula that gives first preference to smaller hospitals, sole community providers and
7 hospitals with lower than average operating revenues and higher than average
8 percentages of MaineCare member patients. The department shall adopt rules to
9 implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules
10 as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to use a formula that
13 gives first preference to smaller hospitals, sole community providers and hospitals with
14 lower than average operating revenues and higher than average percentages of MaineCare
15 member patients when reimbursing for past MaineCare services for hospital fiscal years
16 2004 to 2006. The department shall adopt routine technical rules to implement this
17 formula.