

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 1538  
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5 STATE OF MAINE  
6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
7 123RD LEGISLATURE  
8 FIRST REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1063, L.D. 1538, Bill, "An Act To  
10 Increase the Safety of Hospital Patients"

11 Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

12 'Resolve, To Further the Collection of Hospital Quality Data Regarding  
13 Nurse Staffing'

14 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and  
15 inserting the following:

16 'Sec. 1. Maine Health Data Organization to enter into rulemaking to  
17 include nursing satisfaction survey results. Resolved: That the Maine Health  
18 Data Organization, in consultation with the Maine Quality Forum, shall amend 90-590  
19 Maine Health Data Organization, Code of Maine Rules, Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting  
20 System for Quality Data Sets, to include the submission of measures of nursing  
21 satisfaction using only metrics that can be compared to national benchmark data; and be it  
22 further

23 Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to enter into  
24 rulemaking to require hospitals to provide nurses annual notice of  
25 Whistleblowers' Protection Act. Resolved: That the Department of Health and  
26 Human Services shall amend its rules on hospital licensing that implement the Maine  
27 Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 405 to require each hospital, once every calendar year,  
28 to notify individually each registered nurse in its employ of information, including the  
29 text of statutory provisions, regarding the Whistleblowers' Protection Act.'

30 SUMMARY

31 This amendment strikes the bill and the title and replaces the bill with a resolve. The  
32 resolve requires the Maine Health Data Organization to adopt rules that require the  
33 submission of measures of nursing satisfaction using only metrics that can be compared

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 to national benchmark data. The resolve also requires the Department of Health and  
2 Human Services to adopt rules that direct hospitals to provide annual notice of the  
3 provisions of the Whistleblowers' Protection Act to registered nurses.

4 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
5 (See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1538

LR 1279(02)

An Act To Increase the Safety of Hospital Patients

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Labor

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Multiple Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Maine Health Data Organization, the Maine Quality Forum and the Department of Health and Human Services can be absorbed utilizing existing budget resources.