

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-2008

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Legislative Document

No. 2297

S.P. 917

April 4, 2008

### **An Act To Establish a Method for Reporting Health Care-associated Infection Quality Data**

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Reported by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland for the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Order, S.P. 907.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

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

2 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §6951, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

3 **10. Health care provider-specific data.** The forum shall submit to the Legislature,  
4 by January 30th each year beginning in 2009, a health care provider-specific performance  
5 report. The report must be based on health care quality data, including health care-  
6 associated infection quality data, that is submitted by providers to the Maine Health Data  
7 Organization pursuant to Title 22, section 8708-A. The forum and the Maine Center for  
8 Disease Control and Prevention shall make the report available to the citizens of the State  
9 through a variety of means, including, but not limited to, the forum's publicly accessible  
10 website and the distribution of written reports and publications.

11 **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §6951, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

12 **11. Infection prevention activities.** The forum and the Maine Center for Disease  
13 Control and Prevention shall, by January 30th of each year beginning in 2009, report to  
14 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human  
15 services matters on statewide collaborative efforts with health care infection control  
16 professionals in the State to control or prevent health care-associated infections.

17 **Sec. 3. Infection measure reporting.** The Maine Quality Forum shall report to  
18 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human  
19 services matters no later than January 30, 2009 with any recommendations from the  
20 Maine Quality Forum Advisory Council regarding additional health care-associated  
21 infection quality data to be collected from health care providers.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill, submitted pursuant to Joint Order 2008, S.P. 907, requires the Maine  
24 Quality Forum to submit an annual report to the Legislature that includes health care-  
25 associated infection quality data and to report to the joint standing committee of the  
26 Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 30,  
27 2009 with any recommendations for additional health care-associated infection quality  
28 data to be collected. It requires the Maine Quality Forum and the Department of Health  
29 and Human services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to report to the  
30 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human  
31 services matters on statewide collaborative efforts with health care infection control  
32 professionals in the State to control or prevent health care-associated infections and to  
33 make the information reported about the health care-associated infection quality data  
34 available to the citizens of the State through a variety of means, including, but not limited  
35 to, the Maine Quality Forum's publicly accessible website and the distribution of written  
36 reports and publications.

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



Approved: 04/01/08 *MAC*

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**Fiscal Note for Original Bill  
Committee: Health and Human Services  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Maine Quality Forum in the Dirigo Health Agency and to the Department of Health and Human Services can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.