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No. 724

S.P. 273

In Senate, February 24, 2009

An Act To Provide Transparency Concerning Operating Expenses for Hospitals

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 MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport and
Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BLISS of Cumberland, CRAVEN of Androscoggin,
SIMPSON of Androscoggin, Representatives: HILL of York, PERCY of Phippsburg,
ROTUNDO of Lewiston, SMITH of Monmouth.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1723** is enacted to read:

3 **§1723. Hospital expenses**

4 A hospital shall report to the department on an annual basis on a schedule and form
5 determined by the department a detailed description of the hospital's annual operating
6 budget, including income sources, profit-generating facilities, salary ranges by position
7 and advertising. The department shall report on an annual basis all information gathered
8 under this section to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
9 over health matters.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill requires hospitals to report annually to the Department of Health and Human
12 Services a detailed description of their annual operating budgets and requires the
13 department to report all information gathered to the joint standing committee of the
14 Legislature having jurisdiction over health matters.