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House of Representatives, February 26, 2009

An Act To Improve the Transparency of Certain Hospitals

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODE of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator PERRY of Penobscot and
Representatives: BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CHASE of Wells,
HINCK of Portland, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, ROSEN of
Bucksport, SANBORN of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶E,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 608, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 E. The board of directors of a nonprofit, nonstock private corporation that provides
5 statewide noncommercial public broadcasting services and any of its committees and
6 subcommittees; ~~and~~

7 **Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶F,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 608, §3, is
8 amended to read:

9 F. Any advisory organization, including any authority, board, commission,
10 committee, council, task force or similar organization of an advisory nature,
11 established, authorized or organized by law or resolve or by Executive Order issued
12 by the Governor and not otherwise covered by this subsection, unless the law, resolve
13 or Executive Order establishing, authorizing or organizing the advisory organization
14 specifically exempts the organization from the application of this subchapter; and

15 **Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶G** is enacted to read:

16 G. An organization and any board, commission, committee, subcommittee or wholly
17 or partially owned subsidiary of that organization if the organization receives over
18 \$250,000 annually in public funds for medical services and provides medical services
19 as its primary function.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill makes medical organizations that receive over \$250,000 annually in public
22 funds for medical services subject to the freedom of access laws.