

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 113

House of Representatives, January 27, 2015

### **An Act To Expand Housing Opportunities for Patients with Complex Medical Conditions**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MALABY of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, HARLOW of Portland, HEAD of Bethel, PETERSON of Rumford, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SIROCKI of Scarborough, VACHON of Scarborough.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 The purpose of this bill is to help ensure that patients with complex medical  
6 conditions who are in hospitals are placed in more appropriate nonhospital settings.

7 The bill proposes to fund the ongoing costs associated with beds in nonhospital  
8 settings for:

- 9 1. Patients with severe brain injuries;
- 10 2. Bariatric patients;
- 11 3. Patients who are dependent on a ventilator for the long-term;
- 12 4. Young adult patients with substance abuse issues who receive extended  
13 intravenous therapy due to infections;
- 14 5. Young adult patients with spinal cord injuries;
- 15 6. Young adult patients who have had strokes;
- 16 7. Homeless patients who need preoperative care such as feeding tubes; and
- 17 8. Patients who are violent and have been previously discharged from a health care  
18 facility due to violence.