

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 698

House of Representatives, February 21, 2019

### An Act To Allow Laser Spine Surgery in the State

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Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft,  
VEROW of Brewer.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2600-D** is enacted to read:

3 **§2600-D. Laser spine surgery**

4 A physician licensed under this chapter may use a laser during spine surgery as long  
5 as the physician documents the clinical diagnosis and treatment in the patient's medical  
6 record and the clinical diagnosis is based on knowledge obtained through medical history  
7 and physical examination.

8 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §3300-G** is enacted to read:

9 **§3300-G. Laser spine surgery**

10 A physician licensed under this chapter may use a laser during spine surgery as long  
11 as the physician documents the clinical diagnosis and treatment in the patient's medical  
12 record and the clinical diagnosis is based on knowledge obtained through medical history  
13 and physical examination.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill allows the use of lasers during spine surgery.