

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 629

In Senate, December 9, 2021

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### **An Act Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Notice to Hospitals of Nursing Facility Closures**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 7, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representative McDONALD of Stonington and  
Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1822-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§1822-B. Notice to hospitals of voluntary closure of nursing facility**

4 Within 2 business days after receipt of notice from a nursing facility of that facility's  
5 voluntary closure, the department shall provide notice of the pending closure to:

6 **1. Same county.** All hospitals that are located in the same county as the nursing  
7 facility; and

8 **2. Adjacent county.** All hospitals within 25 miles of the nursing facility that are  
9 located in a county adjacent to the county in which the nursing facility is located.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide notice of a  
12 nursing facility's voluntary closure to all hospitals that are located in the same county as  
13 the nursing facility and to each hospital that is located in an adjacent county if the hospital  
14 is within 25 miles of the nursing facility. The department must provide the notice within 2  
15 business days after receiving notice of the closure from the nursing facility.