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**Legislative Document**

**No. 344**

S. P. 146

In Senate, January 31, 1957.

Referred to the Committee on Public Health. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Lord of Cumberland.

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### STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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#### **AN ACT Amending the Act of Incorporation of the Associated Hospital Service of Maine.**

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

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 24, § 3, amended.** Section 3 of chapter 24 of the private and special laws of 1939, as amended by section 1 of chapter 175 of the private and special laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 3. Purposes.** To establish, maintain and operate a non-profit hospital service ~~plan~~ **plans**, whereby ~~hospital~~ care may be provided by hospitals or groups of hospitals with which this corporation has a contract for such purpose, to such persons or groups of persons as become subscribers to said ~~plan~~ under a contract which entitles each subscriber to certain hospital care, and the hospital or hospitals so contracting with this corporation shall be governed by this section and shall be exempt from all other provisions of the insurance laws of this State, unless otherwise specifically provided herein. **In order to maintain and operate such plans, the corporation may act either in the capacity of principal or agent of other non-profit hospital service corporations, or insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of Maine.'**

**Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 24, § 3-A, amended.** Section 3-A of chapter 24 of the private and special laws of 1939, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 21 of the private and special laws of 1943, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 3-A. Further purposes.** The corporation may establish, maintain and operate a non-profit medical service ~~plan~~ **plans**, whereby medical or surgical service or expense indemnity is provided to such persons or groups of persons as shall become subscribers to such plan under contracts with this corporation,

either in the capacity of principal or agent of other non-profit medical service corporations, or insurance companies of equal or better financial responsibility authorized to do business in the State of Maine, and the physician or physicians so contracted with this corporation shall be governed by this section and shall be exempt from all other provisions of the insurance laws of this State, unless otherwise specifically provided herein.'

**Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 24, § 3-C, additional.** Chapter 24 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 3-C, to read as follows:

'**Sec. 3-C. Additional coverage.** The corporation shall have the right to issue a contract or contracts or certificate or certificates on a non-profit basis under which it assumes liability on the whole or part of expenses incurred by a subscriber as a result of injury or disease not covered by this corporation's regular contracts for hospital service or medical service; if such liability is fully re-insured by an insurance company authorized to transact such business in the State of Maine.'

**Sec. 4, P. & S. L., 1939, c. 24, § 3-D, additional.** Chapter 24 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 3-D, to read as follows:

'**Sec. 3-D. Governmental contracts.** With the prior approval of the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Maine, the corporation shall have the right to utilize its organization and facilities to perform services for the United States or State of Maine Governments or the units or agencies of either. Such utilization shall be on a cost basis resulting in no profit to the corporation.'

**Sec. 5. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 24, § 10, amended.** Section 10 of chapter 24 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 10. Reports.** This corporation shall annually on the 1st day of ~~March~~ **April** file a statement verified by at least 2 of the principal officers of said corporation showing its condition on the 31st day of December, then next preceding, which shall be in such form and shall contain such matters as the ~~commissioner of insurance~~ **Insurance Commissioner** shall prescribe.'