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House of Representatives, January 20, 1959.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Berman of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

**AN ACT Relating to Settlements or Releases from Injured Persons
Confined in Hospitals.**

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

R. S., c. 137, § 49-A, additional. Chapter 137 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 49-A, to read as follows:

'Settlements or Releases from Injured Persons.

Sec. 49-A. Settlements or releases from injured persons confined in hospitals. Except as provided in this section, no settlement or general release or statement in writing signed by any person confined in a hospital or sanitarium as a patient with reference to any personal injuries for which said person is confined in said hospital or sanitarium shall be admissible in evidence, used or referred to in any manner at the trial of any action to recover damages for personal injuries or consequential damages, so called, resulting therefrom, which statement, settlement or general release was obtained within 30 days after the injuries were sustained and such settlement or release shall be null and void. This section shall not apply to statements or releases obtained by police officers or inspectors of motor vehicles in the performance of their duty, members of the family of such person or by or on behalf of his attorney. This section shall not apply to chapter 31.'