

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE  
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and the

**FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION**

November 28, 1988

AND

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at the

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**PRIVATE AND  
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OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED AT THE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

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**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective November 25, 1987.

## CHAPTER 85

H.P. 1419 — L.D. 1930

### AN ACT to Amend Certain Powers of Hospital Administrative District No. 4.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Hospital Administrative District No. 4 was created by law to establish and operate a hospital within a certain geographic area of this State and any amendment to the charter of that hospital district must be made by an Act of the Legislature; and

Whereas, to continue a high quality of health service to district residents, this charter must be amended to allow Hospital Administrative District No. 4 to enter into joint health care ventures with medical professionals; and

Whereas, such authorization will give needed flexibility to the district to maintain the highest quality of service at a reasonable cost; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1.** P&SL 1973, c. 76, §1, as amended by P&SL 1983, c. 92, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**Sec. 1. Incorporation; purposes.** The inhabitants of the territory within the Towns of Monson, Abbot, Parkman, Willimantic, Guilford, Sangerville, Dover-Foxcroft, Sebec and Atkinson and the Plantation of Barnard all in the County of Piscataquis, the Town of Cambridge in the County of Somerset, and the Towns of Dexter and Bradford in the County of Penobscot, or any combination of the towns and plantations, are constituted and confirmed a body politic and corporate to be known as "Hospital Administrative District No. 4" in order to provide for the health, welfare and public benefit of the inhabitants of the district. The hospital district shall acquire or construct, extend and improve a regional general hospital system, including, but not limited to, acute care facilities, extended care facilities, intermediate care facilities, freestanding satellite facilities and facilities designed for utilization as offices by physicians, to be located in a place

or places within the district for the care of the inhabitants of the district and those persons outside the district who may require medical care, for the purposes of maintaining and operating a hospital system, including, but not limited to, acute care facilities, extended care facilities, freestanding satellite facilities and facilities designed for utilization as offices by physicians, and generally providing for the health and medical needs of the inhabitants of the district. Without limiting the generality of this section and subject to pertinent provisions of the Maine Health Care Finance Commission's laws and rules, the district may also establish affiliated organizations, either alone or with others and within the district, including medical centers, health care centers, nursing centers, laboratories, clinics and other medical, surgical or dental facilities, facilities to provide health-related shared services and such other organizations or entities, on a profit or nonprofit basis, as the district may deem necessary or desirable from time to time, in order to provide, alone or with others, for the health and medical needs of the inhabitants of the district. The district may enter into joint ventures with providers or professionals offering health care services within the district for the purpose of offering health care services to persons within the district.

In effectuating any of the purposes of this section or any of the other purposes permitted to be engaged in by the district, the district may, subject to the provisions of this Act, as amended and supplemented from time to time, acquire real or personal property or any interest therein, on either a temporary or long-term basis by gift, purchase, transfer, foreclosure, lease or otherwise, including rights or easements; hold, manage, operate, sell, assign, lease, encumber, mortgage or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property or any interest therein, or mortgage interest owned by it under its control, custody or in its possession and release or relinquish any right, title, claim, lien, interest, easement or demand however acquired; apply for and accept from any source grants, loans, advances and contributions of money, property, labor or other things of value, to be held, used and applied for permitted purposes; lease or rent any lands, buildings, structures, facilities or equipment from private parties to effectuate the purposes permitted to be engaged in by the district, including construction agreements, purchase or acquisition agreements, partnership agreements, including limited partnership agreements, joint ventures, participation agreements or agreements with leasing corporations or other financial intermediaries.

**Sec. 2.** P&SL 1973, c. 76, §2, 2nd ¶, 2nd sentence, as amended by P&SL 1975, c. 47, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

They shall be responsible for providing, in whole or in part, physical facilities for a hospital system and, where necessary or desirable, physical facilities for affiliated organizations within the district, equipped and staffed to meet needed health care services for the inhabitants of the district.

Sec. 3. P&SL 1973, c. 76, §8, sub-§4 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4. Surplus. If any surplus remains at the end of the year, it may be transferred to an account for the purposes of paying the principal or interest on any outstanding obligation or it may be set aside in a surplus account for use by the district for any activity in which the district may engage.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective November 25, 1987.

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