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LD 1378 / SP0476

Original Title: An Act To Preserve the Medical Liability Climate in the State by Capping Noneconomic and Punitive Damages. New Title: An Act To Amend the Medical Liability Laws Concerning Communications of Sympathy or Benevolence. Presented by Senator TURNER of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton and Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives: MCKANE of Newcastle, CURLEY of Scarborough, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUGAY of Cherryfield, MARRACHE of Waterville, NASS of Acton, WOODBURY of Yarmouth. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Public Hearing 05/13/05. OTP-AM Accepted 06/02/05. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) S-323. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 06/10/05, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 376.

Original Bill

[LD 1378 \(122nd Legis. 2005\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law

[LD 1378 / PL 2005, c. 376](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(S-323\) \(LD 1378 2005\) \(Passed\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[HOUSE, March 17, 2005 \(H243-252\)](#)

- p. H-251

[SENATE, March 17, 2005 \(S275-289\)](#)

- p. S-279

[HOUSE, June 2, 2005 \(H823-843\)](#)

- p. H-843 (Amendment(s) S-323)

[SENATE, June 2, 2005 \(S1066-1095\)](#)

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[HOUSE, June 6, 2005 \(H860-886\)](#)

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[SENATE, June 7, 2005 \(S1154-1173\)](#)

- p. S-1156 (Amendment(s) S-323)

Enacted Law or Resolve

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News Articles

Coalition pushes for tort reform (Haskell, Meg) (Bangor Daily News, 12/29/2004) ●

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Doctors rally to cap liability fees (Haskell, Meg) (Bangor Daily News, 3/24/2005, p. B1, B5) ●

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Malpractice award cap would hurt patients more than it helps doctors (Hovernale, Ken)

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Doctors, patients at odds over malpractice limits (Washuk, Bonnie) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston),

5/14/2005) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 122/LD13xx/nc122-ld-1378/SB1221119.pdf)

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