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**131st Legislature (2022-2024)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 227 / HP0148

Original Title: An Act Regarding Health Care in the State. New Title: An Act Regarding Legally Protected Health Care Activity in the State. Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. Public Hearing 03/05/24. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 04/11/24. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) H-953. Carried Over: 07/26/23. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 04/22/24, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 648.

**Original Bill**

[LD 227 \(131st Legis. 2023\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law**

[LD 227 / PL 2023, c. 648](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

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[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(HCIFS\) \(05/24/2023\)](#)

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**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-953\) \(LD 227 2024\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

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[SENATE, January 24, 2023 \(S-73-83\)](#)

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[HOUSE, July 25, 2023 \(H-1153-1189\)](#)

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[HOUSE, April 10, 2024 \(H-1673-1722\)](#)

p. H-1702 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p1719)) (Amendment(s) H-953)

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p. H-1720 (Remarks (in passing))

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p. H-1721 (Remarks (in passing))

[HOUSE, April 11, 2024 \(H-1723-1757\)](#)

p. H-1743 (Amendment(s) H-953)

[SENATE, April 11, 2024 \(S-2264-2300\)](#)

p. S-2279 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p2285)) (Amendment(s) H-953)

[SENATE, April 12, 2024 \(S-2301-2346\)](#)

p. S-2307 (Roll Call(s)(p2308)) (Amendment(s) H-953)

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## News Articles

Lawmakers consider proposal to protect providers of abortions, gender affirming care (Joe Lawlor) (Portland Press Herald, 3/6/2024, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0227/PPH 240306E.pdf)

16 Republican AGs object to Maine bill protecting gender-affirming care (Joe Lawlor) (Portland Press Herald, 3/13/2024, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0227/PPH 240313A.pdf)

Party-line vote moves health care shield law to House (Billings, Randy) (Portland Press Herald, 3/22/2024, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0227/PPH 240322A.pdf)

Panel splits on 'shield law' for gender-affirming care (Kevin Miller) (Bangor Daily News, 3/26/2024, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0227/BDN 240323A.pdf)

After heated debate, legislature advances shield bill (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 4/12/2024, p. B1, B2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0227/PPH 240412E.pdf)

Gov Mills signs law to protect patients' rights (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 4/24/2024, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0227/BDN 240424A.pdf)

Mills signs bill shielding providers of abortion, gender care (Rachel Ohm) (Portland Press Herald, 4/24/2024, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0227/PPH 240424F.pdf)

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