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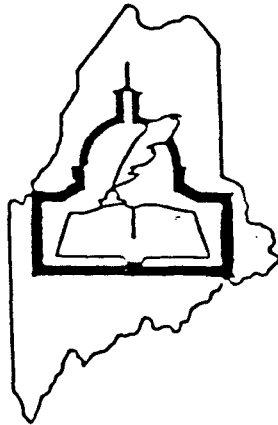
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES  
BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD:

1618

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROCEEDINGS OF BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF NONPROFIT HOSPITALS TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

MELENDY  
NAJARIAN  
CARPENTER  
WILLEY

RPT NOT  
ACCEPTED

HOUSE  
SENATE  
GOV

SUMMARY:

The original bill (LD 1235) required meetings of the governing body of nonprofit hospitals to be open to the public by including them in the right-to-know law.

This new draft (Committee Report B) makes changes in the right to know law to conform it to the proposed bill to avoid ambiguity. In addition to making the proceedings of boards of directors of nonprofit hospitals open to the public, the new draft also:

1. makes it clear that no hospital or board records are required to be made public, except minutes of the public meetings of the board;
2. adds language to ensure that peer review or other sensitive discussions involving physicians or other professionals who are not employed by, but are professionally associated with, a hospital are given the same confidentiality as employees of the hospital; and
3. allows executive sessions for any matters concerning budget, capital expenditure plans or new or expanded services in cases where disclosure of that information would provide an unfair competitive advantage to other health care providers.

The House accepted the ONTP report.

LD:

1619

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROCEEDINGS OF BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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NAJARIAN  
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WILLEY

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