

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

—
H.P. 972 - L.D. 1364

**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Hospital and Therapeutic Leave
Days for MaineCare Recipients**

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

Whereas, this legislation eliminates language requiring retroactive application of the adjustment in therapeutic leave days and hospital leave days that was enacted in Public Law 2013, chapter 368; 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. PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. LLLLL, §1, under the caption “HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS),” in the first occurrence of that part relating to “Nursing Facilities 0148,” is amended by amending the initiative paragraph to read:

Initiative: Adjusts funding by limiting therapeutic leave days in the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 45 and Section 67, to 7 hospital leave days per hospital visit and 20 therapeutic leave days per year effective retroactively to ~~March 25~~ April 1, 2013.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.