



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2011

Legislative Document

No. 303

H.P. 245

House of Representatives, February 3, 2011

An Act To Improve Hospital Transparency

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODE of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and
Representatives: DAMON of Bangor, HINCK of Portland, LOVEJOY of Portland, PARKER
of Veazie, SANBORN of Gorham, STEVENS of Bangor, STUCKEY of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 334, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 F. Any advisory organization, including any authority, board, commission,
5 committee, council, task force or similar organization of an advisory nature,
6 established, authorized or organized by law or resolve or by Executive Order issued
7 by the Governor and not otherwise covered by this subsection, unless the law, resolve
8 or Executive Order establishing, authorizing or organizing the advisory organization
9 specifically exempts the organization from the application of this subchapter; ~~and~~

10 **Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 334, §3, is
11 amended to read:

12 G. The committee meetings, subcommittee meetings and full membership meetings
13 of any association that:

14 (1) Promotes, organizes or regulates statewide interscholastic activities in public
15 schools or in both public and private schools; and

16 (2) Receives its funding from the public and private school members, either
17 through membership dues or fees collected from those schools based on the
18 number of participants of those schools in interscholastic activities.

19 This paragraph applies to only those meetings pertaining to interscholastic sports and
20 does not apply to any meeting or any portion of any meeting the subject of which is
21 limited to personnel issues, allegations of interscholastic athletic rule violations by
22 member schools, administrators, coaches or student athletes or the eligibility of an
23 individual student athlete or coach; ~~and~~

24 **Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶H** is enacted to read:

25 H. An organization and any board, commission, committee, subcommittee or wholly
26 or partially owned subsidiary of that organization if the organization receives over
27 \$250,000 annually in public funds for medical services and provides medical services
28 as its primary function.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill makes medical organizations that receive over \$250,000 annually in public
31 funds for medical services subject to the freedom of access laws.