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House of Representatives, February 21, 2019

An Act To Allow Laser Spine Surgery in the State

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

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Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft, VEROW of Brewer.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2600-D is enacted to read:
3	§2600-D. Laser spine surgery
4 5 6	A physician licensed under this chapter may use a laser during spine surgery as long as the physician documents the clinical diagnosis and treatment in the patient's medical record and the clinical diagnosis is based on knowledge obtained through medical history
7	and physical examination.
8	Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §3300-G is enacted to read:
9	§3300-G. Laser spine surgery
10 11	A physician licensed under this chapter may use a laser during spine surgery as long as the physician documents the clinical diagnosis and treatment in the patient's medical diagnosis.
12 13	record and the clinical diagnosis is based on knowledge obtained through medical history and physical examination.
14	SUMMARY
15	This bill allows the use of lasers during spine surgery.