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S.P. 399

In Senate, March 26, 2013

An Act To Ensure the Rights of Patients

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative TREAT of Hallowell and
Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, GRATWICK of Penobscot, HASKELL of Cumberland,
PATRICK of Oxford, TUTTLE of York, Representative: THERIAULT of Madawaska.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to enact measures designed to ensure the rights of patients, which
6 may include proposals to:

7 1. Protect a patient's rights in the health insurance market;

8 2. Enhance accountability for hospitals and health care providers to improve quality
9 and efficiency of care;

10 3. Increase the transparency of charges and expenses of hospitals and health care
11 providers; and

12 4. Facilitate the purchase of health care coverage by individuals and small businesses
13 by establishing a state health insurance exchange pursuant to the federal Patient
14 Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148.