

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

H.P. 264 - L.D. 366

An Act Regarding Emergency Guardianship

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

Sec. 1. 18-C MRSA §5-312, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

A. Appointment of an emergency guardian is likely to prevent substantial harm to the adult's physical health, safety or welfare;

For purposes of this paragraph, the delay of discharge of a patient in a hospital until the appointment of a guardian constitutes substantial harm;

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services Z040

Initiative: Provides funding to the Department of Health and Human Services for additional emergency guardianship filings.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$9,000	\$9,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,000	\$9,000