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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

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S.P. 706 - L.D. 1779

An Act Relating to Nursing Facility and Inpatient Hospice Patients and Medical Marijuana Use

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Use and storage in inpatient hospice facility or nursing facility permitted. A qualifying patient who is a resident of a hospice provider facility licensed under chapter 1681 or nursing facility licensed under chapter 405, while in the hospice provider facility or nursing facility, may use forms of prepared marijuana that are not smoked, including, but not limited to, vaporized marijuana, edible marijuana and tinctures and salves of marijuana. A qualifying patient who uses a form of prepared marijuana pursuant to this subsection may store the prepared marijuana in the qualifying patient's room and is not required to obtain a registry identification card or to designate the hospice provider or nursing facility is not required to be named as a primary caregiver by a qualifying patient who uses prepared marijuana pursuant to this subsection. This subsection does not limit the ability of a hospice provider or nursing facility to prohibit or restrict the use or storage of prepared marijuana by a qualifying patient.