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## An Act To Preserve Patient Records

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1721 is enacted to read:

## § 1721. Destruction of certain images limited

A hospital licensed pursuant to chapter 405 or a health care practitioner as defined in section 1711-C, subsection 1, paragraph F may not destroy an image of a patient recorded using x rays, magnetic resonance imaging or computerized tomography without the consent of the patient.

## SUMMARY

This bill provides that a hospital or health care practitioner may not destroy an image of a patient recorded using x rays, magnetic resonance imaging or computerized tomography without the consent of the patient.