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House of Representatives, February 26, 2013

An Act To Make Bylaws and Minutes of Board Meetings of Publicly Funded Hospitals Subject to the Freedom of Access Act

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay. Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, FARNSWORTH of Portland, PRIEST of Brunswick, RUSSELL of Portland, SANBORN of Gorham.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3-B is enacted to read:
3	<b>3-B.</b> Public records of hospitals. Bylaws and minutes of any meeting of the board
4	of directors of a hospital are public records if the hospital receives public funds. For
5	purposes of this subsection, "hospital" means a hospital licensed under Title 22, section
6	1811 and "board of directors" means the group of persons vested with the management of
7	the affairs of the hospital irrespective of the various names, such as board of trustees or
8	board of managers, by which the group is designated.
9	SUMMARY
10	This bill makes by laws and minutes of board meetings of hospitals that receive public
11	funds public records for purposes of the Freedom of Access Act.