

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 22: HEALTH AND WELFARE**  
**Chapter 405-A: HOSPITAL AND HEALTH**  
**CARE PROVIDER COOPERATION ACT**

**§1842. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT**

The Legislature finds that it is necessary and appropriate to encourage hospitals and other health care providers to cooperate and enter into agreements that will facilitate cost containment, improve quality of care and increase access to health care services. This Act provides processes for state review of overall public benefit, for approval through certificates of public advantage and for continuing supervision. It is the intent of the Legislature that a certificate of public advantage approved under this chapter provide state action immunity under applicable federal antitrust laws. [2005, c. 670, §1 (NEW); 2005, c. 670, §4 (AFF).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

2005, c. 670, §1 (NEW). 2005, c. 670, §4 (AFF).

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