

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 2304

H. P. 1815

House of Representatives, January 7, 1974

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Huber of Falmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT Requiring the Provision of Certain Information
to Marriage Applicants by Municipal Officials.

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

R. S., T. 22, c. 406-A, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 406-A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 406-A

INFORMATIONAL SERVICES

§ 1920. Legislative intent

The Legislature has declared that "it is consistent with public policy to make available comprehensive medical knowledge, assistance and services relating to family planning." To most effectively implement this policy, the Legislature further declares that family planning literature shall be provided to all applicants for marriage licenses.

§ 1921. Authority

Each town or city clerk in this State is directed to offer, at the time of application, family planning literature to each person applying to such clerk for a marriage license.

§ 1922. Family planning literature

The Commissioner of Health and Welfare is directed to promptly prepare and distribute to each town and city clerk family planning literature, the content of which shall include, but not be limited to:

1. **Definition.** A definition of family planning and a statement of the state's policy thereon as set forth in sections 1902 and 1903; and

2. **Directory.** Directory of public and private sources of further family planning information; and

3. **Explanations.** Brief explanations of all medically approved family planning methods.

§ 1923. Refusal

Acceptance of family planning literature may be refused by any applicant.

§ 1924. Construction

This chapter shall be construed in accordance with chapter 406.

§ 1925. Funds

Funds not to exceed \$5,000 per year shall be taken from the allocation from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare for family planning services or from funds generated as a result of that allocation.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will allow the effective implementation of chapter 406 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes.