

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 219

H. P. 175

House of Representatives, January 30, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Sewall of Newcastle.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Eliminate Mandatory Silver Nitrate Drops in Eyes of Newborns.

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

22 MRSA § 1521, 2nd sentence, is repealed as follows:

~~Every physician, midwife or nurse in charge shall instill or cause to be instilled into the eyes of the infant immediately upon its birth one or 2 drops of a prophylactic solution prescribed by the department, and provided without cost by the department~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the requirement that silver nitrate drops be put in the eyes of a newborn.