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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 984, L.D. 1420, Bill, "An Act To Establish a Maternal and Infant Death Review Panel"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "§261." by inserting after subsection 2 a new subsection to read:

'3. Contact with authorized representatives. The first contact pursuant to this section with a parent or parents or other authorized representative of a deceased person may not occur prior to 4 months after the death and must:

A. Be by letter from the State Health Officer on letterhead of the center; and

B. Include a separate invitation to participate in a review of the death of the deceased person from a statewide organization dedicated to improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.'

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "§261." in subsection 4 in paragraph B by adding at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

'The panel shall offer a copy of the annual report to the parent or parents or other authorized representative of the deceased person that granted permission to the panel coordinator for a voluntary interview under subsection 4, paragraph C.'

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "§261." in subsection 6 in the 3rd line (page 3, line


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43 in amendment) by striking out the following: "4" and inserting  
in its place the following: '5'

Further amend the amendment in section 1 in that part  
designated "\$261." by renumbering the subsections to read  
consecutively.

### SUMMARY

This amendment prohibits contact with the parents or  
authorized representative of a deceased person for 4 months after  
the death and requires that the maternal and infant death review  
panel offer a copy of its annual report to parents and authorized  
representatives that consent to participate in the review.

SPONSORED BY:   
(Representative PINGREE)

TOWN: North Haven

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)



# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1420

LR 0612(05)

**An Act To Establish a Maternal and Infant Death Review Panel**

**Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"**

**Sponsor: Rep. Pingree**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services can be absorbed by the department utilizing existing resources.