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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 572, L.D. 886, "An Act to Regulate Medication Abortions"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1598-A by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 11 to 25 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**2. Medication abortions; duties of health care professional.** The following provisions apply to medication abortions.

**A.** A health care professional who prescribes a chemical agent or drug to be used by a patient for a medication abortion shall oversee the patient's ingestion of the chemical agent or drug in person.

**B.** A health care professional overseeing a medication abortion shall inform the patient:

(1) Of the steps involved in the medication abortion;

(2) What the patient will experience following ingestion of the chemical agent or drug for the medication abortion;

(3) Of any physical or emotional risk of undergoing the medication abortion; and

(4) Of any chemical agent, drug or other means by which the medication abortion may be reversed.

**3. Medication abortions; duties of manufacturer or distributor; penalty.** A person may not sell or distribute a chemical agent or drug used for a medication abortion to an individual in the State through an online source unless the manufacturer or distributor confirms that the individual has a prescription for the chemical agent or drug from a health care professional.

**A.** A person that violates this subsection is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation.

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1 B. In lieu of or in addition to the collection of civil penalties under paragraph A, the  
2 Attorney General may bring a civil action in the Superior Court to prevent, restrain or  
3 enjoin a violation of this subsection.'

4 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
5 number to read consecutively.

### 6 SUMMARY

7 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, makes the following  
8 changes to the bill.

9 1. It removes the provision of the bill prohibiting a person from purchasing a chemical  
10 agent or drug used for a medication abortion from online sources. Instead, it prohibits a  
11 person from selling or distributing to an individual a chemical agent or drug used for a  
12 medication abortion using online sources unless the individual has a prescription from a  
13 licensed health care professional. It authorizes the Attorney General to bring a civil action  
14 seeking an injunction and civil penalties against a person that violates this prohibition.

15 2. It clarifies that a licensed health care professional who prescribes a chemical agent  
16 or drug for a medication abortion must be present in person when the patient ingests the  
17 chemical agent or drug.

18 3. It removes the requirement that a licensed health care professional inform a patient  
19 of any spiritual risks of undergoing a medication abortion.

### 20 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

21 (See attached)



Approved: 04/07/25 **LRL**

# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act to Regulate Medication Abortions

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-592)  
Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase – Other Special Revenue Funds

### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system. The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines and filing fees will increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.