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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Proceedings in Adoption of Children.**

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

**R. S., c. 158, § 38, amended.** The first 3 sentences of section 38 of chapter 158 of the Revised Statutes are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: 'Upon the filing of a petition for adoption of a minor child, the court shall notify the Department of Health and Welfare which shall, through a licensed adoption agency when practicable, investigate the conditions and antecedents of the child to determine whether he is a proper subject for adoption and to investigate whether the proposed home is suitable for the child. This information shall, within 45 days or within such further reasonable time as the court allows, be submitted to the court in writing and be available to counsel of record. In the event that the report of investigation is not submitted to the court within the time allowed, then the court may proceed with hearing upon the petition without such report. The aforesaid notification and investigation may be waived by the court and the reasons therefor shall be stated in writing by the court and made a part of the record.'