

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 23, 1965

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

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dumont of Augusta.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Testing Newborn Infants for Detection of Causes of Mental Retardation.**

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

**R. S., T. 22, § 1522, additional.** Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1522, to read as follows:

**§ 1522. Detection of mental retardation**

The department is authorized to require hospitals, maternity homes and other maternity services to test or cause to be tested newborn infants for the presence of metabolic abnormalities which may be expected to result in subsequent mental deficiencies. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations to define this requirement and the approved testing methods, materials, procedure and testing sequences. Reports and records of those making such tests may be required to be submitted to the department in accordance with departmental rules and regulations. The department may, on request, offer consultation, training and evaluation services to such testing facilities.'