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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1081

H. P. 808

House of Representatives, February 24, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Orestis of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Improve the Procedure for Correcting Vital Statistics.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 2705, sub-§ 3, additional. Section 2705 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 3 to read as follows:

3. **Amendment by department.** Where the department is the custodian of an original certificate or record filed under chapters 701 to 707, the department shall have the exclusive power to amend or alter said original certificate or record.

Where a certificate of birth, death or fetal death has been altered or amended by the department, the department shall transmit a copy of the altered or amended certificate to the clerk of any municipality in which a certified copy of the original certificate has been recorded under chapters 701 to 707.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The existing procedure permits the correction of vital records by both the custodian of the original record and by the custodian of the copy of the record and results, occasionally, in the correction of one without the correction of the other. This Act is intended to place the responsibility for correcting the record in the custodian of the original record.