

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 721

H. P. 539

House of Representatives, February 8, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rollins of Dixfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Disclosure of Vital Records.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 2706, sub-§4, amended. Subsection 4 of section 2706 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

4. **Unlawful disclosure of data.** It shall be unlawful for any employee of the State or of any municipality in the State to disclose data contained in such records, except as authorized in this section **and except that a clerk of a municipality may cause to be printed in the annual town report the deaths reported within the year covered by the said report, by date of death, name, age and location by city or town where death occurred. All other details of death shall not be available to the general public.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the purpose of this bill to legalize the disclosure of data contained in vital statistics only to the point of passing interest of individuals in their fellowmen in the smaller communities.