

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 953

H. P. 740

House of Representatives, February 20, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Immunity of Persons or Hospitals Refusing to Perform  
or Assist in Abortions.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 1572, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1572, to read as follows:

§ 1572. Immunity and employment protection

No physician, nurse or other person who refuses to perform or assist in the performance of an abortion, and no hospital or health care facility that refuses to permit the performance of an abortion upon its premises, shall be liable to any person, firm, association or corporation for damages allegedly arising from the refusal.

No physician, nurse or other person, who refuses to perform or assist in the performance of an abortion, shall, because of that refusal, be dismissed, suspended, demoted or otherwise prejudiced or damaged by a hospital, health care facility, firm, association, professional association, corporation or educational institution with which he or she is affiliated or requests to be affiliated or by which he or she is employed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The bill protects persons and hospitals that refuse to perform or assist in abortions from liability for the refusal and protects persons who so refuse from any action by employers.