

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dyar of Strong.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Establishing Privilege to Refuse Disclosure in a Patient-  
Psychiatrist Relationship.**

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

R. S., T. 16, & 60, additional. Title 16 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 60, to read as follows:

§ 60. Psychiatrist and patient

A person has a privilege to refuse to disclose, and prevent a witness from disclosing, a communication between himself and a psychiatrist, if he claims the privilege.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The proposed Act will provide the same immunity to the patient-psychiatrist relationship that already exists for psychologists and psychological examiners.