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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2177

S. P. 748

In Senate, January 2, 1974

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Clifford of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT to Insure Confidentiality of Original Birth Records.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 2765, sub-§ 5, repealed and replaced. Subsection 5 of section 2765 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

5. Copies of original certificate. When the new certificate of birth is established, the state registrar shall provide each municipal clerk who is required by law to have a copy of the certificate of birth on file and the hospital of birth with a copy of the new certificate of birth. All copies of the original certificate in the custody of any municipal clerk or hospital of birth shall be sealed from inspection, except upon order of a probate court or the Superior Court or surrendered to the state registrar as he shall direct.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will preserve the confidentiality of birth certificates in cases of legitimation or adoption by requiring that the hospital where the birth occurred will be provided a new birth certificate and will be required to impound the original certificate which may reflect evidence of an illegitimate birth.