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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 356

House of Representatives, January 29, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Talbot of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Remove Certain Laboratories from Exemption under the Maine
Medical Laboratory Act.**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA, § 2013, sub-§§ 2, 3 and 4, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 380, are repealed.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA, § 2013, sub-§ 5, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 380, is amended to read:

5. **Research and teaching.** Laboratories operated and maintained for research and teaching purposes which are recognized by the ~~advisory commission~~ ~~department~~ or involve no patient or public health service;

STATEMENT OF FACT

There is no direct state regulation of laboratories operated by hospitals, physicians or schools and industrial plants. Consequently, there is no means of determining the reliability of test results from these laboratories. Each of these kinds of laboratories, through their testing results, have an impact on the quality of medical care. Through a system of proficiency testing, the department can assess the quality of results coming from these laboratories.