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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 988, L.D. 1253, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to the Furnishing of Family Planning
Services to Minors."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and before the Statement of Fact and
inserting in place thereof the following:

'22MRSA §1908, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 624, §1, is
repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§1908. Minors

Family planning services may be furnished to any minor.
However, when a prescribed birth control is requested by any
family planning services for a nonmarried, nonparent minor,
said service shall notify parents or legal guardian. Said
parents or legal guardian shall also be notified that, if
they so desire, they will be involved in the answering of
medical history questions concerning the minor and minor's
family. All this will be done with minor's knowledge.

Said nonmarried, nonparent minor shall then be interviewed
by a person with psychological training and counseling
experience to determine if psychological health hazards are
present. After receiving this interview, the minor shall
receive a physical examination by a physician to determine
physical health hazards.

All information received in the process of obtaining
family planning services shall be held in strict confidence,
except in accordance with this section.'

Statement of Fact

This Act insures:

1. Any minor the right to information, counseling and other family planning services, including contraceptives, without parental or legal guardian's consent or approval.

2. That parents or legal guardian shall have knowledge of nonmarried, nonparent minor's intention of obtaining prescribed birth control, thus giving them the opportunity to assist in the answering of medical history questions which would result in accurate medical records for minor.

3. That psychological health hazards as well as physical health hazards are taken into consideration and dealt with by those professional people who are qualified to do so.

4. Strict confidence of all information given in connection with obtaining these services.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

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