

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

---

---

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

---

---

Legislative Document

No. 1615

S. P. 485

In Senate, April 8, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Huber of Cumberland.

---

---

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

---

---

AN ACT Providing that Spousal Consent to Voluntary Sterilization  
Procedure is not Required.

---

---

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 1824 is enacted to read:

§ 1824. Voluntary sterilization

No hospital licensed under this chapter which provides facilities in connection with medical procedures to effect sterilization of a consenting adult requesting such procedure, shall require the consent of the spouse of such adult. For the purposes of this section, "sterilization" shall mean any operation or other medical procedure which has as its purpose or one of its purposes the prevention of procreation by either a male or female.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 2599 is enacted to read:

§ 2599. Voluntary sterilization

Any person licensed under this chapter who performs medical procedures to effect sterilization of a consenting adult requesting such procedure, is under no obligation to obtain the consent of the spouse of such adult. For the purposes of this section, "sterilization" shall mean any operation or other medical procedure which has as its purpose or one of its purposes the prevention of procreation by either a male or female.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA § 3296, is enacted to read:

§ 3296. Voluntary sterilization

Any person licensed under this chapter who performs medical procedures to effect sterilization of a consenting adult requesting such procedure, is

under no obligation to obtain the consent of the spouse of such adult. For the purposes of this section, "sterilization" shall mean any operation or other medical procedure which has as its purpose or one of its purposes the prevention of procreation by either a male or female.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide that spousal consent to voluntary sterilization is not required.