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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 36

H. P. 28

House of Representatives, January 6, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mackel of Wells.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Reinstate the Requirement of a Blood Test Before Marriage.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 1181, last sentence, as amended by PL 1971, c. 330, § 3 and as amended by PL 1971, c. 622, § 71, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 1186, as amended by PL 1971, c. 622, § 72, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The Commissioner of Human Services may establish a fee for each premarital blood test conducted by the state laboratory which shall be reasonably equivalent to the state's cost of processing and reporting that blood test.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill deletes from the statute a provision permitting the Commissioner of Human Services to waive the premarital blood test requirement. The effect of this deletion is to require that all persons seeking to be married be screened for possible syphilis by a blood test. This bill also permits the Department of Human Services to charge a fee for each premarital blood test processed by the state laboratory which will defray the state's cost of processing and reporting it.