

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 125**

H. P. 101

House of Representatives, January 20, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Boudreau of Portland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Amend the Laws Relating to Adoption Proceedings.**

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

**19 MRSA § 533, 1st ¶, last sentence** is amended to read:

The court may require that the child shall have lived for one year in the home of the petitioners before the petition is granted, and may require that the child, during all or part of said probationary period, shall be under the supervision of the ~~Bureau of Social Welfare~~ **Department of Human Services** or a licensed child placing agency.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to preclude the need for a change in law as responsibilities shift from one organizational unit in the Department of Human Services to another. The Bureau of Social Welfare no longer has responsibility for the provision of adoption services.