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HOUSE AMENDMENT "J" to S.P. 748, L.D. 2199, Bill, "AN ACT to Make Additional Corrections of Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine."

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the emergency clause the following:

Sec. 371. 22 MRSA §1577, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 389, is repealed.

Sec. 372. 22 MRSA §1577, sub-§2 ^{first ¶} /as enacted by PL 1977, c. 389, is amended to read:

2. Reports. A report of each abortion performed ~~and a report of each miscarriage which occurs when a physician is in attendance~~ shall be made to the Department of Human Services on forms prescribed by the department. Such report forms shall not identify the patient by name or otherwise and shall contain only the following information:

Sec. 373. 22 MRSA §1577, sub-§2, ¶¶ ^{D and E,} as enacted by PL 1977, c. 389 are amended to read:

D. Given menstrual age of fetus; ~~and~~

E. Any resulting medical complications; ~~and~~

Sec. 374. 22 MRSA §1577, sub-§2, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. Any items of information requested on the United States Standard Report of Induced Termination of Pregnancy published by the National Center for Health Statistics, dated January, 1978.

Sec. 375. 22 MRSA §1577, sub-§2, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 389, is amended to read:

The form containing such information and data shall be prepared by the attending physician, signed by him and transmitted to the department not later than 10 days following the end of the month in which the abortion is performed ~~or the miscarriage occurs~~.

Sec. 376. 22 MRSA §1577, next to the last ¶, as enacted by ^{c. 389,} PL 1977/is amended to read:

The identity of any patient and of any physician reporting pursuant to this section is confidential and the department shall take such steps as are necessary to insure the confidentiality of the identity of any patient and of \longleftrightarrow physicians reporting pursuant to this section. '

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to amend public law 1977, chapter 389 which requires that a report of each abortion performed be made to the Department of Human Services. Public law 1977, chapter 389 does not identify patients by name but will provide certain statistics about the abortion. This amendment is designed to expand the statistical indicators to include those reported on the United States Standard Report of Induced Termination of Pregnancy, dated January, 1978, for purposes of uniformity and greater understanding of abortion and its medical implications.

The amendment omits the requirement that miscarriages be reported under Public Law 1977, chapter 380, as they are already

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reported under Title 22, section 2841.

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