

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 604**

S. P. 220

In Senate, February 16, 1979

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

Presented by Senator Gill of Cumberland.

Cosponsor: Senator Carpenter of Aroostook.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Insure Parental Participation in a Minor's Decision to have an  
Abortion.**

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

22 MRSA § 1597 is enacted to read:

**§ 1597. Parental participation in minor's decision to have abortion**

**No physician shall obtain consent of an unemancipated pregnant woman under age of 18 years to perform an abortion without first having given at least 24 hours actual notice to one of the parents or the legal guardian of the minor pregnant woman as to his intention to obtain the consent, or if the parent or guardian cannot be reached after a reasonable effort to find him, without first having given at least 48 hours constructive notice to one of the parents or the legal guardian of the minor pregnant woman by certified mail to the last known address of one of the parents or guardian. The 48-hour constructive notice shall be computed from the time of mailing.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to insure parental participation in a minor's decision to have an abortion. The physician must try to contact the minor's parent or guardian prior to the abortion.