

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 171

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7 S.P. 60

In Senate, January 12, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and
9 ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

Cosponsors: Representative Ketover of Portland, Representative Joseph
11 of Waterville and Senator Kany of Kennebec.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Include Interpreters for the
18 Hearing Impaired Within the Evidentiary Com-
19 munications Privilege.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 5 MRSA §48, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

24 4. Privileged communication. Whenever a hear-
25 ing impaired person communicates through an inter-
26 preter to any person under such circumstances that
27 the communication would be privileged and the person
28 could not be compelled to testify as to the communi-
29 cation, this privilege shall apply to the interpreter
30 as well.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill permits a hearing impaired person engaging, through an interpreter, in a conversation that is privileged under the Rules of Evidence or statute, to assert that privilege against the interpreter and thereby prevent him from testifying about the conversation.

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