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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. 703

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7 H.P. 552

House of Representatives, February 10, 1983

8 On Motion of Representative Hobbins of Saco referred to the Committee
9 on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Small of Bath.
Cosponsor: Representative Nelson of Portland.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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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 Provide Adoption Information
18 to Unwed Mothers.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 22 MRSa §1712 is enacted to read:

23 §1712. Patient access to adoption information

24 Each pregnant woman who is under the care of a
25 physician for her pregnancy, and each woman who has
26 been delivered of a live-born child, shall be told by
27 her attending physician of the availability of infor-
28 mation on the adoption process.

29 Information on the legal aspects of the adoption
30 process shall be available in all Department of Human
31 Services' offices, in all hospitals and in the offi-

1 ces of all physicians with a practice in obstetrics,
2 gynecology or pediatrics.

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 The purpose of this bill is to provide informa-
5 tion on the adoption procedure to pregnant women and
6 new mothers so they may make the most informed deci-
7 sion on whether or not to keep their baby.

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