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1 attorney, the department and, if the institution 2 making the report is a hospital, the hospital.

 Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4013, as enacted by PL 1979, c.
733, §18, is amended to read:

§4013. Mandatory reporting to medical examiner for post-mortem investigation

A person required to report cases of known or suspected abuse or neglect, who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has died as a result of abuse or neglect, shall report that fact to the appropriate medical examiner authority as provided in section 3026. The medical examiner shall accept the report for investigation and shall report his findings to the pelice, the appropriate district attorney, the department and, if the institution making the report is a hospital, the hospital.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to bring the reporting requirements specified in sections 3478 and 4013 into conformity with those in section 3026. Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3026 presently provides a procedure for the reporting of suspected medical examiner cases. The present language of sections 3478 and 4013, which deal with reporting deaths as a result of neglect or abuse of adults and children respectively, provides a different procedure than that provided in section 3026.

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