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

No. 48

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7 H.P. 42

House of Representatives, January 15, 1985

8 Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule
9 24.

10 Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered
printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Carroll of Gray.

11 Cosponsored by Senator Bustin of Kennebec, Representative Pines of
Limestone and Representative Kimball of Buxton.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Repeal the Statute Concerning
18 Premarital Medical Examinations.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1181, as amended by PL 1971, c.
23 622, §§70 and 71, is repealed.

24 Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1182, as amended by PL 1971, c.
25 330, §4, is repealed.

26 Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §§1183 and 1185 are repealed.

27 Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §1186, as amended by PL 1971, c.
28 622, §72, is repealed.

29 Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §1187, as amended by PL 1971, c.
30 622, §73, is repealed.

31 Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §§1188 and 1189 are repealed.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 Enforcement of the law dealing with premarital
3 medical examinations has been suspended by adminis-
4 trative action for over 10 years. During the last 4
5 years of enforcement, \$400,000 was spent testing
6 100,000 people to detect one new case of primary
7 syphilis. The data from the state's sexually trans-
8 mitted disease program continues to indicate that the
9 syphilis cases occurring in Maine are in groups other
10 than the group of persons contemplating marriage.
11 More than 20 states have repealed their premarital
12 syphilis laws. The Bureau of Health foresees no
13 likelihood of a change in this trend.

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