

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 2112
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7 H.P. 1499

House of Representatives, March 3, 1986

8 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
9 pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Rydell of Brunswick.

11 Cosponsored by Senator Bustin of Kennebec, Representative Hoglund of
Portland and Representative Rolde of York.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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17 AN ACT Concerning Private Adoptions.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 19 MRSA §537-A is enacted to read:

22 §537-A. Interstate placements; adoption

23 Any resident of the State who surrenders and re-
24 leases a minor child for adoption and any resident
25 who intends to adopt a child shall notify the Depart-
26 ment of Human Services. Any resident who intends to
27 adopt a minor child from any source outside of the
28 State must obtain written permission from the Depart-
29 ment of Human Services. Upon notification, the de-
30 partment shall proceed under the provisions of the
31 Interstate Compact on Placement of Children. Failure
32 to notify the Department of Human Services is a civil
33 violation with a forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor
34 more than \$5,000.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this bill is to insure that resi-
3 dents of Maine notify the Department of Human Ser-
4 vices if they wish to surrender a child or if they
5 intend to adopt a child from any source outside of
6 the State. This bill also makes reference to the In-
7 terstate Compact on Placement of Children, an agree-
8 ment which governs placement of children across state
9 lines.

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