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Joint Rule 24.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative KIMBALL of Buxton.
Cosponsored by Senators SEWALL of Lincoln, TWITCHELL of
Oxford and Representative MANNING of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Clarify Abrogation of
Confidentiality of Communicable
Disease Information for Child and
Adult Protection Purposes.**

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6 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
7 follows:

8 22 MRSA §1032, as amended by PL 1985, c. 771, §4,
9 is further amended to read:

10 §1032. Confidentiality

11 The names and related information which may iden-
12 tify individuals having or suspected of having a
13 notifiable communicable disease shall be confidential
14 and may be released only to other public health offi-
15 cials, agents or agencies, or to school officials

1 where a child is enrolled, for a public health pur-
2 pose, or to the department for adult or child protec-
3 tion purposes in accordance with chapters 958-A and
4 1071. In a public health emergency, as declared by
5 the state health officer, the information may also be
6 released to private health care providers and agen-
7 cies for the purpose of preventing further disease
8 transmission. All other information submitted pursu-
9 ant to this article may be made available to the pub-
10 lic.

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 Reporting by medical or social service workers of
13 suspected child abuse or neglect is required by the
14 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 4011 and of
15 suspected adult abuse or neglect by Title 22, section
16 3477.

17 Adding reference to child and adult protection to
18 Title 22, section 1032, clarifies this abrogation of
19 confidentiality by professionals employed by the De-
20 partment of Human Services, Bureau of Health, Divi-
21 sion of Disease Control, including Sexually Trans-
22 mitted Disease Control.

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