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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative RICHARDS of Hampden.
Cosponsored by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin, Senator EMERSON of Penobscot and Representative BURKE of Vassalboro.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Concerning the Rights of a Father to Bring a Paternity Action.



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

19 MRSA $\S272$, first \P , as amended by PL 1985, c. 652, $\S4$, is further amended to read:

Paternity may be determined upon the complaint of the mother, father, child or the public authority chargeable by law with the support of the child. If paternity has been determined or has been acknowledged according to the laws of this State, the liabilities of the father may be enforced in the same or other proceedings by the mother, child or the public authority which has furnished or may furnish the reasonable expenses of pregnancy, confinement, education, necessary support or funeral expenses, and by other persons including private agencies to the extent that they have furnished the reasonable expenses of pregnancy, confinement, education, necessary support or funeral expenses. Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits expended, pursuant to Title 22, chapter 1053, on behalf of the mother by the public authority shall be considered necessary support for the child.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides to fathers the right to initiate a paternity action.