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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 13, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and 1600 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative STEVENS of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Representative PEDERSON of Bangor and Representative CATHCART of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Allow Medical Testing without Physician Referral.



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

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4 22 MRSA §2013-A, sub-§1, ¶G, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 456,
§2, is amended to read:

6 G. Laboratory services performing health screening tests as
8 defined and regulated by rule adopted by the department and
the commission. Services exempted under this paragraph
10 include, but are not limited to, the performance of the
following tests:

12 (1) Urine:

14 (a) Urinalysis, including microscopic evaluation;
or

16 (b) Pregnancy;

18 (2) Blood:

20 (a) Pregnancy;

22 (b) Glucose;

24 (c) Potassium;

26 (d) Total cholesterol;

28 (e) High density lipoprotein profile; or

30 (f) Monospot;

32 (3) Respiration: pulmonary function;

34 (4) Health assessment: computerized health
36 assessment; and

38 (5) Colon cancer screening: hemocult cards.

40 This paragraph does not apply to HIV tests as defined in
42 Title 5, section 19201.

44 STATEMENT OF FACT

46 This bill amends the law giving the Maine Medical Laboratory
48 Commission rule-making authority to allow medical testing without
referral by a physician. The commission, contrary to legislative
50 intent, is currently allowing only one type of test. This bill
provides further guidance to the commission by listing the tests
that may be performed without referral by a physician.