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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin, Representative CLARK of Brunswick and Representative CARROLL of Gray.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Enhance Access to Prenatal Care in Underserved Areas.

(EMERGENCY)

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

6 Whereas, lack of access to obstetrical care is a very severe 6 problem in some areas of the State; and

Whereas, Medicaid recipients have greater difficulty securing prenatal care than other area residents because some obstetricians will not serve such patients; and

12 Whereas, high quality prenatal care and case management services can be provided by physician extenders such as nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants in a clinical setting, with a physician overseeing the practice; and 16

Whereas, providing prenatal care and case management services in a clinical setting with physician extenders allows area physicians to deliver the babies of Medicaid recipients with good information about the patients' histories, thus ensuring the health of both mother and child; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

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**Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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#### **36 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

38 Medical Care - Payments to Providers

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All Other

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Provides funds to develop a clinic or clinics to offer prenatal services to Medicaid recipients in one or more underserved areas of the State.

48 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill provides funds from the General Fund for one or more clinics to provide prenatal care for Medicaid recipients in underserved areas of the State.