

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1470

House of Representatives, December 29, 1989

Submitted by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 29, 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 PENDLETON of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Representative BURKE of Vassalboro, Senator RANDALL of Washington and Senator KANY of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

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**An Act to Increase Awareness of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and the  
Effects of Alcohol and Drugs on Fetuses.**

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

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4 19 MRSA §62, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

6 1-A. Informational brochure. No marriage license may be  
8 issued until a brochure prepared by the Department of Mental  
10 Health and Mental Retardation concerning the effects of alcohol  
12 and drugs on fetuses has been given to both parties. The  
14 department is responsible for making the brochures available to  
16 town and city clerks for distribution.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires that all couples registering for a marriage license receive a brochure prepared by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation warning of the dangers of drinking and drug use during pregnancy. Similar bills have been enacted in New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Wisconsin and Oregon.