

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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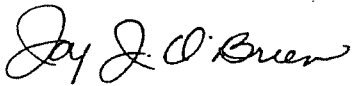
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S.P. 838

In Senate, January 8, 1990

Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator COLLINS of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senator THERIAULT of Aroostook, Representative GARLAND of Bangor and Representative BOUTILIER of Lewiston.

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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 Amend the Laws for the Licensing of Counseling Professionals.

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

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32 MRSA §13862, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 465, §3,  
4 is amended to read:

6 Nothing in this section may prohibit disclosure by a person  
7 licensed under this chapter of information concerning a client  
8 when that disclosure is required by law and nothing in this  
9 section may modify or affect Title 22, sections 3477 to 3479-A  
10 and 4011 to 4015.

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14 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

16 Under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, sections 3477 to  
17 3479-A, counseling professionals are required to report to the  
18 Department of Human Services cases of abuse, neglect or  
19 exploitation of an incapacitated adult. The laws governing the  
20 licensing and regulating of counseling professionals neglects to  
21 mention this reporting requirement. This bill clarifies the fact  
22 that counseling professionals are required to report cases of  
23 abuse, neglect or exploitation of incapacitated adults, makes  
24 counselors aware of this requirement and requires compliance for  
25 licensure.