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HOUSE AMENDMENT "M" to S.P. 117, L.D. 318, Bill, "An Act to  
Protect Reproductive Privacy in Maine"

Amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated  
"~~§1599-A.~~" in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraph D and  
inserting in its place the following:

'D. The alternatives to abortion. This requirement may be  
met by making available copies of the health care  
information sheet prepared by the department.'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated  
"~~§1599-A.~~" by inserting after subsection 2 the following:

'3. Preparation and distribution of information. The  
department shall prepare and distribute to all health care  
providers that perform pregnancy tests in this State sufficient  
copies of a health care information sheet.'

A. The preparation of the health care information sheet  
must be pursuant to a rule-making procedure as provided  
under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. A public  
hearing must be held. The initial information sheet may not  
be prepared under emergency rulemaking under Title 5,  
section 8054.

B. The sheet must contain a description of the options and  
services available to a woman if she is pregnant, including  
adoption, abortion and family financial support services and  
the telephone numbers of the appropriate divisions or  
bureaus within the department for her to call if she chooses  
to obtain more information on any of her options. The sheet  
must also contain a statement that in all instances the

2 father of the child is liable to assist in the support of  
3 the child and that the law permits adoptive parents to pay  
4 costs of prenatal care, childbirth and neonatal care. The  
5 sheet may also contain any other appropriate information to  
6 fully inform a woman of the assistance and support that may  
7 be available to allow her, if she wishes, to carry the fetus  
8 to term.'

9 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
10 statement of fact the following:

11 **FISCAL NOTE**

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13 The Department of Human Services will incur some minor  
14 additional costs for rulemaking and distribution of the sheet  
15 containing service information including phone numbers to health  
16 care providers that perform pregnancy tests. These costs can be  
17 absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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21 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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23 This amendment establishes a procedure by which the  
24 Department of Human Services can develop a health care  
25 information sheet that fully informs a woman of her choices and  
26 the services that are available to her. This amendment requires  
27 a fair and open public process for developing the information  
28 sheet, which will provide an opportunity for consideration of all  
29 points of view. The information sheet, when made available by a  
30 physician, will meet the requirement to inform a woman of her  
31 alternatives to abortion.

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33 This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.  
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