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No. 1321

S.P. 487

In Senate, April 13, 1995

An Act to Suppress the Release of Medical Records of Persons with Disabilities.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS

Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follow

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §19507, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

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5. Penalty for violations. A person who knowingly violates this section commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$500 may be adjudged. In addition to any financial penalty, any licensed, registered, accredited or certified professional who has been adjudged to have violated a provision of this chapter may be reported by the court to the appropriate professional licensing, registration board, accrediting unit or facility.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill imposes a civil penalty of not more than \$500 on individuals who knowingly violate the confidentiality provisions regarding the medical records of persons with disabilities.