

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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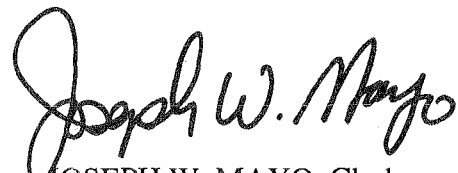
H.P. 319

House of Representatives, January 23, 1997

**An Act to Prohibit Family Planning Agencies from Using State Funds  
for Certain Expenses Related to Abortion Services.**

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLUKEY of Houlton, JOY of Crystal, LAYTON of  
Cherryfield, O'NEAL of Limestone, SIROIS of Caribou, TUTTLE of Sanford,  
UNDERWOOD of Oxford, VIGUE of Winslow.

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1905, as amended by PL 1975, c. 293, §4, is further amended to read:

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**§1905. Funds**

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The Department of Human Services is authorized to receive and disburse such funds as may be available to it for family planning services to any nonprofit organization, public or private, engaged in providing such services. State funds may not be used by any nonprofit organization, public or private, to pay for construction of or rent for facilities at which abortion services are provided or to fund abortion referral services or to provide abortions. Family planning programs administered by the Department of Human Services may be developed in consultation, coordination or on a contractual basis, with other family planning agencies in this State, including, but not limited to, the Family Planning Association of Maine, Inc., and its affiliates.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill prohibits the use of state funds for construction or rent payments for facilities at which abortion services are provided or to fund abortions or abortion referral services.