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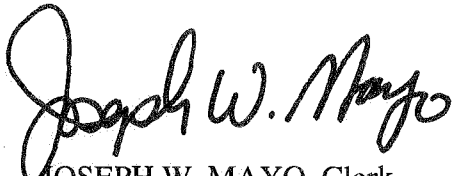
No. 1672

H.P. 1181

House of Representatives, March 26, 1997

An Act to Establish the Licensing of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LINDAHL of Northport.
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and
Representatives: MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, POWERS of Rockport, Senator: SMALL of
Sagadahoc.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §287, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 27,
§1, is amended to read:

6 **4. Standardized kit for evidence collection in cases of**
7 **gross sexual assault.** The Department of Public Safety shall
8 determine by rule what constitutes a standardized kit for
9 evidence collection in cases of gross sexual assault. A
10 physician, sexual assault nurse examiner or other health care
11 professional who conducts a physical examination of an alleged
12 victim of gross sexual assault shall use a standardized evidence
13 collection kit that meets the requirements established by rule of
14 the Department of Public Safety.

16 Evidence collection results may not be excluded as evidence in
17 any proceeding before any court of this State as a result of the
18 failure to use the standardized evidence collection kit required
19 by this subsection.

20 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2102, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

22 **10. Sexual assault nurse examiner.** "Sexual assault nurse
23 examiner" means a registered nurse who has completed the required
24 education and clinical experience and has been licensed by the
25 board as provided under section 2205-C to conduct forensic
26 examinations of victims of sexual assault.

28 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §2205-C** is enacted to read:

30 **§2205-C. Standards for licensing of sexual assault nurse**
31 **examiners**

32 **1. Minimum standards.** The board shall establish rules
33 regarding the standards and procedures for licensing sexual
34 assault nurse examiners. These rules must, at a minimum, specify:

35 A. Educational and clinical experience requirements for
36 sexual assault nurse examiners;

37 B. Other appropriate educational skills and experience
38 requirements for sexual assault nurse examiners;

39 C. The process through which registered nurses may apply to
40 the board to be licensed as sexual assault nurse examiners;

41 D. Continuing education requirements for the renewal of the
42 sexual assault nurse examiner license; and

2 E. Methods and procedures of monitoring the efficacy of
3 licensing requirements for the sexual assault nurse
4 examiners.

5 Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive
6 rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

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SUMMARY

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11 This bill provides for the licensing of sexual assault nurse
12 examiners and requires that the State Board of Nursing establish
13 requirements, procedures and guidelines for licensing sexual
14 assault nurse examiners.