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No. 211

H.P. 149

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

An Act to Criminalize the Negligent or Purposeful Transmission of HIV.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Representatives: LOVETT of Scarborough, McALEVEY of Waterboro,
Senator: MITCHELL of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §213 is enacted to read:**

6 **§213. Transmission of HIV**

8 1. A person is guilty of the crime of transmission of HIV
10 if the person knows or has reason to believe that the person is
12 infected with HIV and the person intentionally, knowingly,
14 recklessly or with criminal negligence transmits HIV to another
16 person.

18 2. Transmission of HIV is a Class A crime.

20 3. HIV has the same meaning as set forth in Title 5,
22 section 19201, subsection 3.

24 **SUMMARY**

This bill makes the transmission of HIV a crime. A person who knows or has reason to believe that the person is infected with HIV commits a Class A crime if that person transmits HIV to another person intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence.