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House of Representatives, January 26, 1999

An Act to Increase Adoptions.

Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRAGDON of Bangor. Cosponsored by Representative QUINT of Portland, Senator: MITCHELL of Penobscot.

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

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4	Sec. 1. 18-A MRSA §9-308, §(b), ¶(2), as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. C, §7 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:
6	(2) The capacity and disposition of the adopting person or
8	persons, the biological parent or biological parents or the putative father to educate and give the adoptee love,
10	affection and guidance and to meet the needs of the adoptee, taking-inte-account-the-adoptee's cultural, ethnic-er-racial
12	background. An adoption may not be delayed or denied solely because the adoptive parent and the child do not share the
14	same race, color or national origin; and
16	SUMMARY
18	This bill brings Maine law into compliance with the federal
20	Multiethnic Placement Act, Public Law 103-382, 108 Stat. 4056, §§551-554 by removing references to cultural, ethnic and racial background from the adoption law.