

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 1320

S.P. 445

In Senate, February 16, 1999

**An Act to Create a Penalty for the Intentional Transmission of a Sexually Transmitted Disease.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative BUMPS of China.

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 a sexually transmitted disease**

8                   **1. A person is guilty of the crime of transmission of a sexually transmitted disease if the person knows or has reason to believe that the person is infected with a sexually transmitted disease and the person intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence transmits that sexually transmitted disease to another person.**

12                   **2. Transmission of a sexually transmitted disease is a Class C crime.**

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18                   **SUMMARY**

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