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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1322, L.D. 1905, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Birth Defects Program"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§8943.~~" in the first paragraph in the 4th line (page 2, line 11 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "submission" the following: 'of information to'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§8943.~~" in the first paragraph by inserting at the end the following new sentence:

'The department may not require the reporting of information or enter into the central registry information regarding birth defects of a child whose parent or legal guardian objects on the basis of sincerely held religious beliefs.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

This bill establishes a program within the Department of Human Services to identify and collect information on birth defects. The Department of Human Services has received federal grant funds for this purpose from the Center for Disease Control. The Governor's proposed supplemental, "Part 2," budget, as adjusted by the administration's proposed changes of 3/29/99, includes Federal Expenditures Fund allocations of \$100,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 for the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, for the development and implementation of a birth defects monitoring program.

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2 The Department of Human Services will incur some minor
4 additional costs to adopt rules. These costs can be absorbed
within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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10 This amendment creates an exception to the provisions
12 requiring the reporting and entry into the central registry of
information regarding birth defects for a child whose parent or
legal guardian objects on the basis of sincerely held religious
beliefs. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.