

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2000

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No. 2606

H.P. 1870

House of Representatives, March 6, 2000

**An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Foster Parents.**

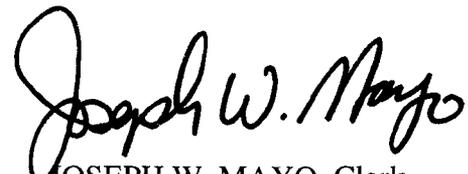
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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative COTE of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and  
Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, COLWELL of Gardiner, SAXL of Portland,  
TUTTLE of Sanford.

2           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

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6           **Whereas,** the section of law allowing foster parents,  
preadoptive parents or relatives providing care for a child to  
attend a review or hearing will be repealed on July 1, 2000; and

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10          **Whereas,** this legislation needs to be an emergency so that  
it will take effect before July 1, 2000; and

12          **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
14       Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
16       safety; now, therefore,

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

20           **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4005-C, 2nd ¶,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 189,  
§1, is amended to read:

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24           The foster parent of a child, if any, and any preadoptive  
parent or relative providing care for the child may attend a  
review or hearing in its entirety under this section unless  
26       specifically excluded by decision of the presiding judge. ~~This  
paragraph-is-repealed-July-1,-2000.~~

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30           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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#### SUMMARY

36           This bill removes the repealer on the section of law  
allowing foster parents, preadoptive parents or relatives  
providing care for a child to attend a review or hearing that is  
38       held with respect to the child.