

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 153

House of Representatives, January 16, 2001

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**An Act to Provide Immunity for Guardians Ad Litem.**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative SCHNEIDER of Durham.  
Cosponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York and  
Representatives: LaVERDIERE of Wilton, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, MADORE of  
Augusta, Senator: RAND of Cumberland.

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

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**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4005, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 251, §2, is further amended by adding at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

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A person serving as a guardian ad litem under this subsection acts as the court's agent and is entitled to quasi-judicial immunity for acts performed within the scope of the duties of the guardian ad litem.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill provides immunity to guardians ad litem appointed by a court in child protection proceedings.

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