

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1396

H.P. 1039

House of Representatives, March 5, 2001

**An Act to Encourage and Support a Mother's Decision to Breast-feed in  
this State.**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.  
Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and  
Representatives: BULL of Freeport, DORR of Camden, JACOBS of Turner, McLAUGHLIN  
of Cape Elizabeth, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, Senators:  
DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, FERGUSON of Oxford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4634** is enacted to read:

6 **§4634. Right to breast-feed**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a mother may  
10 breast-feed her baby in any location, public or private, where  
12 the mother is otherwise authorized to be.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill amends the Maine Human Rights Act to declare that  
18 a mother has the right to breast-feed her baby in any location,  
whether public or private, as long as she is otherwise authorized  
to be in that location. This bill is based on a similar New York  
law.