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House of Representatives, March 8, 2001

**An Act to Improve the Health Care and Forensic Response for Victims
of Sexual Assault.**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative NORBERT of Portland.
Cosponsored by President MICHAUD of Penobscot and
Representatives: MADORE of Augusta, PEAVEY of Woolwich, Speaker SAXL of Portland,
SCHNEIDER of Durham, SIMPSON of Auburn, Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot,
McALEVEY of York, RAND of Cumberland.

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3 **§3360-O. Duties**

4 The board shall advise and assist the State in promoting and
5 supporting the statewide creation, growth and sustainability of
6 sexual assault forensic examiner programs. The board shall
7 provide advice and assistance regarding training, technical
8 assistance, standards and resources to the sexual assault
9 forensic examiner programs.

10 **§3360-P. Administration**

11 The Department of the Attorney General shall provide general
12 administrative oversight for the board's policies and
13 responsibilities. When appropriate, the Department of the
14 Attorney General may employ personnel necessary to carry out the
15 purposes of the board; lease, rent or acquire adequate equipment
16 and facilities; accept federal funds or grants that are available
17 to carry out or implement the board's objectives; and provide
18 technical assistance and training to sexual assault forensic
19 examiners.

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21 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §12004-J, sub-§13 is enacted to read:**

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<u>13.</u>	<u>Sexual</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>5 MRSA</u>
<u>Criminal</u>	<u>Assault</u>	<u>Only</u>	<u>§3360-N</u>
<u>Justice</u>	<u>Forensic</u>		
	<u>Examiner</u>		
	<u>Advisory</u>		
	<u>Board</u>		

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31 **Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
32 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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37 **DEPARTMENT OF**

38 **Administration - Attorney General**

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2 related costs for the sexual
3 assault forensic examiner
4 program.

6	DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL		
8	TOTAL	<u>\$31,330</u>	<u>\$85,740</u>

10 **SUMMARY**

12 The bill establishes, within the Department of the Attorney
13 General, the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Advisory Board.
14 The purpose of the board is to promote the statewide creation,
15 growth and sustainability of sexual assault forensic examiner
16 programs by providing advice and assistance regarding training,
17 technical assistance, standards and resources to the sexual
18 assault forensic examiner programs.

20 This bill also adds an appropriation section that funds one
21 position and related costs to administer the sexual assault
22 forensic examiner program. The program currently exists but is
23 being moved under the jurisdiction of the Department of the
24 Attorney General.