

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 577

In Senate, March 28, 2001

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### **An Act to Provide for a Smoking Cessation Program for Pregnant Women.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative LOVETT of Scarborough and  
Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, RAND of Cumberland,  
SMALL of Sagadahoc, Representative: KANE of Saco.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1954** is enacted to read:

6 **§1954. Smoking cessation program**

8 The department shall administer a smoking cessation program  
10 to provide information and incentives for pregnant women to cease  
12 or significantly decrease the amount of tobacco that they smoke  
14 and to decrease the by-products of tobacco that they ingest. The  
16 program must provide information regarding smoking status,  
18 testing and cessation programs for health care providers and  
testing for smoking status of pregnant women. The program also  
provides information, smoking cessation aids, including  
pharmacological aids, and incentives for pregnant women. The  
program must include an evaluation component that includes the  
rates at which pregnant women smoke and the percentages of babies  
born with low birth weights.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill requires the Department of Human Services to  
24 establish a smoking cessation program to decrease and eliminate  
26 smoking among pregnant women. The program must include  
28 information, testing and incentives. There must be an evaluation  
component that includes smoking rates and percentages of babies  
born with low birth weights.