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House of Representatives, January 28, 2003

An Act To Amend the Abortion Reporting Laws To Eliminate Immunity for a Physician Who Reports Data on an Abortion

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative: DUPREY of Hampden.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1596, sub-§2**, as repealed and replaced by PL
1989, c. 274, §1, is amended to read:

6 **2. Abortion reports.** A report of each abortion performed
7 shall must be made to the Department of Human Services on forms
8 prescribed by the department. These report forms shall may not
10 identify the patient by name or otherwise and shall may contain
12 only the information requested on the United States Standard
Report of Induced Termination of Pregnancy, published by the
National Center for Health Statistics, dated January 1978, or any
more recent revision of a standard report form.

14 The form containing that information and data shall must be
16 prepared and signed by the attending physician and transmitted to
the department not later than 10 days following the end of the
18 month in which the abortion is performed.

20 ~~A physician who reports data on an abortion pursuant to this~~
22 ~~section shall be immune from any criminal liability for that~~
~~abortion under section 1598.~~

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill eliminates the provision that provides immunity
28 from criminal liability for an abortion to a physician who
reports data on that abortion.