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House of Representatives, February 5, 2003

**An Act To Allow a Parent To Choose Not To Vaccinate a Child
against Chicken Pox for School Attendance**

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative McNEIL of Rockland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6355, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

6 **4. Choice of parent with regard to chicken pox.** A child
8 does not have to be immunized against chicken pox if the parent
10 states in writing the choice not to immunize the child against
12 chicken pox, also known as varicella.

10 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill allows a parent to choose not to immunize a child
14 against chicken pox. Immunization against chicken pox is a
16 requirement for enrollment in elementary and secondary school in
the State effective for the start of school year 2003.