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House of Representatives, February 25, 2003

**An Act To Require the Chief Medical Examiner To Perform Tests
When Public Safety or Health Care Personnel Are Exposed**

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

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative MAIETTA of South Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3036** is enacted to read:

6 **§3036. Exposure to body fluids**

8 If a public safety or health care employee experiences an
10 occupational exposure to a body fluid of a deceased person, the
12 Chief Medical Examiner shall ensure that the deceased person is
14 tested for blood-borne pathogens as defined in section 831,
16 subsection 2.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill requires the Chief Medical Examiner to test the
22 body fluids of a deceased person for blood-borne pathogens if a
24 public safety or health care worker experiences an occupational
26 exposure to the deceased person's body fluids.