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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 370, L.D. 1098, Bill, "An Act Regarding Mandated Reporters and Child Abuse"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3477, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 345, §3, is amended to read:

A. While acting in a professional capacity:

- (1) An allopathic or osteopathic physician;
- (2) A medical intern;
- (3) A medical examiner;
- (4) A physician's assistant;
- (5) A dentist;
- (6) A chiropractor;
- (7) A podiatrist;
- (8) A registered or licensed practical nurse;
- (9) A certified nursing assistant;

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- (10) A social worker;
- (11) A psychologist;
- (12) A pharmacist;
- (13) A physical therapist;
- (14) A speech therapist;
- (15) An occupational therapist;
- (16) A mental health professional;
- (17) A law enforcement official;
- (18) A coroner;
- (19) Emergency room personnel;
- (20) An ambulance attendant;
- (21) An emergency medical technician; or
- (22) Unlicensed assistive personnel; or
- (23) A humane agent employed by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources; or

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4011-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 345, §5, is amended to read:

- A. When acting in a professional capacity:
 - (1) An allopathic or osteopathic physician, resident or intern;
 - (2) An emergency medical services person;
 - (3) A medical examiner;
 - (4) A physician's assistant;
 - (5) A dentist;
 - (6) A dental hygienist;
 - (7) A dental assistant;
 - (8) A chiropractor;

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- 2 (9) A podiatrist;
- 4 (10) A registered or licensed practical nurse;
- 6 (11) A teacher;
- 8 (12) A guidance counselor;
- 10 (13) A school official;
- 12 (14) A children's summer camp administrator or
14 counselor;
- 16 (15) A social worker;
- 18 (16) A court-appointed special advocate or guardian ad
litem for the child;
- 20 (17) A homemaker;
- 22 (18) A home health aide;
- 24 (19) A medical or social service worker;
- 26 (20) A psychologist;
- 28 (21) Child care personnel;
- 30 (22) A mental health professional;
- 32 (23) A law enforcement official;
- 34 (24) A state or municipal fire inspector;
- 36 (25) A municipal code enforcement official;
- 38 (26) A commercial film and photographic print
40 processor;
- 42 (27) A clergy member acquiring the information as a
44 result of clerical professional work except for
information received during confidential
communications; or
- 46 (28) A chair of a professional licensing board that
48 has jurisdiction over mandated reporters; or
- 50 (29) A humane agent employed by the Department of
Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources; or'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment adds state humane agents to the list of professionals required to report to the Department of Human Services when they know or have reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or is likely to be abused. It also adds state humane agents to the list of professionals required to report to the Department of Human Services when they know or have reasonable cause to suspect that a dependent or incapacitated adult has been abused or neglected.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

Approved: 04/25/03 *MAC*

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

LD 1098

An Act Regarding Mandated Reporters and Child Abuse



LR 1032(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A.S. 84*

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund