

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2003

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Legislative Document

No. 1098

S.P. 370

In Senate, March 4, 2003

### An Act Regarding Mandated Reporters and Child Abuse

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry 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 BRENNAN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative KANE of Saco and  
Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, President DAGGETT of Kennebec, STRIMLING of  
Cumberland, WESTON of Waldo, Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, McKEE of Wayne,  
O'BRIEN of Augusta.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3909-A is enacted to read:**

6 **§3909-A. Required report by animal humane agents**

8 If a humane agent of the department, in that agent's  
10 capacity of investigating abuse of animals, finds children or  
12 elderly dependent people living in a home where there are abused  
14 animals, that agent shall report that home to the Department of  
16 Health and Human Services.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill requires Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural  
22 Resources humane agents to report to the Department of Health and  
24 Human Services investigations of animal abuse in homes where  
26 children and elderly dependent people live.