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House of Representatives, March 4, 2003

An Act To Protect the Mental Health of Women and Girls

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DUPREY of Hampden.
Cosponsored by Senator GILMAN of Cumberland and
Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BERRY of Belmont, CRESSEY of Baldwin,
FLETCHER of Winslow, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TOBIN of
Dexter.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1599-B** is enacted to read:

6 **§1599-B. Abortion provider responsibility**

8 **1. Costs of mental health care.** Except as provided in
10 **subsection 2, a physician who performs an abortion on a minor is**
12 **liable for the future mental health care costs of the minor if**
14 **she suffers from posttraumatic stress disorder related to the**
16 **abortion.**

18 **2. Abortion performed on minor without parental consent;**
20 **court order.** A physician who performs an abortion on a minor is
22 **responsible for the costs listed in subsection 1 unless consent**
24 **to the abortion was given:**

26 **A. By the minor's parent pursuant to section 1597-A,**
28 **subsection 2, paragraph A; or**

30 **B. By court order pursuant to section 1597-A, subsection 6.**

SUMMARY

This bill provides that a physician who performs an abortion on a minor is responsible for mental health costs related to the abortion if the abortion was performed without parental consent or without a court order providing consent.