

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2004

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S.P. 617

In Senate, December 17, 2003

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### **An Act To Improve Awareness of Meningococcal Disease**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 16, 2003. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford and  
Senator: DAMON of Hancock, Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, DUPLESSIE of  
Westbrook, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, TOBIN of Dexter.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10008 is enacted to read:

**§10008. Information on meningococcal disease immunization**

**1. Provision of information.** Each postsecondary institution incorporated, chartered or established under the laws of the State that has a residential campus shall provide vaccination information on meningococcal disease to each student. The vaccination information must be contained on student health forms provided to each student by the postsecondary institution and must include space for the student to indicate whether or not the student has received the vaccination against meningococcal disease. The vaccination information about meningococcal disease must include any recommendations issued by the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding the disease.

**2. Confidentiality.** The vaccination information obtained under this section that is in the possession of the postsecondary institution is confidential and is not a public record under Title 1, chapter 13.

**3. Construction.** This section may not be construed to require the postsecondary institution to provide the meningococcal vaccination to students.

**4. Review.** The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters shall review the operation and effectiveness of this section and may report out to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature a bill to amend or repeal this section or to expand the program established under this section.

**5. Contingent repeal.** This section is repealed if the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention no longer recommends the meningococcal vaccine. If the Department of Human Services receives notification from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that the meningococcal vaccine is no longer recommended, the department shall forward that notification to the Office of the Revisor of Statutes.

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires public and private postsecondary institutions to provide meningococcal disease immunization

2 information to students if the institution has a residential campus. The bill also requires the Legislature to review the program in 5 years.