

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 47

House of Representatives, January 9, 2007

### Resolve, To Deny Family Status to Fetuses

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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 PLOWMAN of Penobscot and  
Representative: CEBRA of Naples.

1       **Sec. 1. Rulemaking. Resolved:** That, by January 1, 2008, the Department of  
2 Health and Human Services shall amend the rules for all public assistance programs to  
3 deny fetuses familial status. In amending the rules the department shall prohibit the  
4 counting of a fetus as a family member in the computation of income for the family unit.  
5 Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined by the Maine  
6 Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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#### **SUMMARY**

8       This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the rules for  
9 all public assistance programs to deny fetuses familial status by January 1, 2008. In  
10 amending the rules the department shall prohibit the counting of a fetus as a family  
11 member in the computation of income for the family unit. The rules would be routine  
12 technical rules.