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An Act To Provide Equity in Funding for Women's Health Services

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services 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 President EDMONDS of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven and Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, MILLS of Somerset, STRIMLING of Cumberland, TURNER of Cumberland, Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BOLAND of Sanford, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, BRYANT of Windham, CAIN of Orono, CROCKETT of Augusta, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, HAYES of Buckfield, HILL of York, HINCK of Portland, HOLMAN of Fayette, MAKAS of Lewiston, MILLER of Somerville, MIRAMANT of Camden, MUSE of Fryeburg, NORTON of Bangor, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PERCY of Phippsburg, PERRY of Calais, PIEH of Bremen, PRATT of Eddington, RAND of Portland, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, TREAT of Farmingdale, WEBSTER of Freeport.

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

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

3 **§1599-B. Equal access to abortion services**

4 **1. Policy.** It is the public policy of the State that financial need not prevent any
5 woman from exercising her right to safe, legal abortion as limited by this chapter. As part
6 of the comprehensive package of health care services available to financially needy
7 persons, the State shall provide financial assistance for eligible women to access abortion
8 services.

9 **2. Administration.** The department shall adopt rules as necessary to administer the
10 provision of financial assistance for abortion services, applying eligibility criteria as
11 provided in chapter 855. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical
12 rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

13 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
14 allocations are made.

15 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

16 **Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention**

17 Initiative: Provides funds to reimburse eligible women for abortion services.

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19	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
20	All Other	\$283,272	\$283,272
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22	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$283,272	\$283,272

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill provides financial assistance to eligible women for abortion services.