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House of Representatives, January 12, 2009

**An Act To Allow Authorization for the Release of HIV Information  
on a General Medical Information Release Form**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PINKHAM of Lexington Township.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §19203-D, sub-§1**, as reenacted by PL 1999, c. 512, Pt. B, §4  
3 and affected by §§5 and 6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4 **1. Authorized release.** When the person who is the subject of an HIV test  
5 authorizes the release of medical information on a general medical information release  
6 form, the custodian of the medical record receiving the form may release any HIV  
7 infection status information contained in the medical record. Release of HIV infection  
8 status information pursuant to this subsection is not a violation of any of the  
9 confidentiality provisions of this chapter.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill allows the release of HIV infection status information when a person  
12 authorizes the release of general medical information and eliminates the requirement for a  
13 specific authorization to be signed at the time a person receives the results of an HIV test.