

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 3, 2009

### **An Act To Encourage Transparency in Disclosing the Ingredients in Vaccinations for Children to Parents and Guardians**

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BOLAND of Sanford.  
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and  
Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, GOODE of Bangor, MORRISON of South Portland,  
THERIAULT of Madawaska, TRINWARD of Waterville, TUTTLE of Sanford, WATSON of  
Bath, Senator: TRAHAN of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1066** is enacted to read:

3 **§1066. Immunization; disclosure of information**

4 A health care provider or clinic staff person shall, prior to immunizing a person under  
5 18 years of age, disclose the ingredients of the immunizing agent or agents to the parent  
6 or the guardian of the child. The health care provider or clinic staff person shall notify  
7 the parent or guardian that the parent or guardian has the option of refusing the  
8 immunization of the child based on religious or philosophical beliefs.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 The purpose of this bill is to provide greater transparency regarding the ingredients of  
11 vaccinations and to reduce confusion related to school immunization requirements and a  
12 parent's right to decide against immunizing that parent's child. The bill requires a health  
13 care provider or clinic staff person to, prior to immunizing a person under 18 years of  
14 age, disclose the ingredients of the immunizing agent or agents to the parent or guardian  
15 of the child. It also requires the health care provider or clinic staff person to notify the  
16 parent or guardian of the option of refusing immunization of the child based on religious  
17 or philosophical beliefs.