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House of Representatives, February 23, 2011

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative BOLAND of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot and
Representatives: DION of Portland, ESPLING of New Gloucester, GUERIN of Glenburn,
HARLOW of Portland, MORRISON of South Portland, O'CONNOR of Berwick, Senator:
PATRICK of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1067** is enacted to read:

3 **§1067. 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 guardian of the child. The health care provider or clinic staff person shall notify the
7 parent or guardian that the parent or guardian has the option of refusing the immunization
8 of the child based on religious or philosophical beliefs.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill requires a health care provider or clinic staff person to, prior to immunizing
11 a person under 18 years of age, disclose the ingredients of the immunizing agent or agents
12 to the parent or guardian of the child. It also requires the health care provider or clinic
13 staff person to notify the parent or guardian of the option of refusing immunization of the
14 child based on religious or philosophical beliefs.