

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2013

Legislative Document

No. 539

H.P. 358

House of Representatives, February 19, 2013

An Act To Ensure Parity in the Ability To Counsel Patients

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

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator LACHOWICZ of Kennebec and
Representatives: GIDEON of Freeport, GOODE of Bangor, WELSH of Rockport, Senator:
HASKELL of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1597-A, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. B,
3 §21, is further amended to read:

4 B. "Counselor" means a person who is:

5 (1) A psychiatrist;

6 (2) A psychologist licensed under Title 32, chapter 56;

7 (3) A social worker licensed under Title 32, chapter 83;

8 (4) An ordained member of the clergy;

9 (5) A physician's assistant registered by the Board of Licensure in Medicine,
10 Title 32, chapter 48;

11 (6) A nurse practitioner registered by the Board of Licensure in Medicine, Title
12 32, chapter 48;

13 (7) A certified guidance counselor;

14 (8) A registered professional nurse licensed under Title 32, chapter 31; ~~or~~

15 (9) A practical nurse licensed under Title 32, chapter 31; or

16 (10) A clinical professional counselor licensed under Title 32, chapter 119.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill adds licensed clinical professional counselors to the list of persons who may
19 provide counseling to a minor in connection with the minor's decision regarding
20 pregnancy.