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House of Representatives, February 28, 2013

An Act To Encourage Transparency in the Disclosing of the Ingredients in Vaccinations for Children

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BOLAND of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Senator TUTTLE of York and
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CHENETTE of Saco, EVANGELOS of Friendship,
HARLOW of Portland, LIBBY of Lewiston, Senators: JOHNSON of Lincoln, THOMAS of
Somerset.

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 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.