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3 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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5 **STATE OF MAINE**

6 **SENATE**

7 **126TH LEGISLATURE**

8 **FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 446, L.D. 1284, Bill, "An Act  
10 Regarding Delayed Birth Registration"

11 Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of the blocked paragraph (page 1, lines  
12 23 to 25 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

13 'An affidavit of personal knowledge may be accepted as evidence for a delayed  
14 registration of birth only in circumstances when insufficient supporting documents are  
15 available and only on approval of the state registrar.

16 The department shall adopt rules that specify the documents that may be accepted as  
17 evidence to support the delayed registration of birth. The rules must allow for the use of  
18 an affidavit of personal knowledge only when insufficient supporting documents are  
19 available and with approval of the state registrar. If the department determines that court  
20 determination of paternity can be used to establish parentage prior to the filing of the  
21 delayed birth certificate, then the department may include in its rule the use of court  
22 determination of paternity. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine  
23 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, adds to the bill by  
26 allowing for the use of an affidavit of personal knowledge to establish delayed  
27 registration of birth only when there are insufficient supporting documents and with the  
28 approval of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics. The Department of Health and Human  
29 Services is directed to adopt rules under the bill; the amendment provides that the  
30 department's rules may allow for the use of court determination of paternity if it can be  
31 used to establish parentage prior to the filing of the delayed birth certificate and must  
32 allow for the use of an affidavit of personal knowledge only when insufficient reporting  
33 documents are available and with approval of the state registrar.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



Approved: 06/01/13 *mac*

# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1284

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## An Act Regarding Delayed Birth Registration

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(S-205)*

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.