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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 1044,
LD 1619, "An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first instructional paragraph (page 1,
lines 11 to 16 in amendment) and inserting the following

'Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following

'Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1598, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c 262, §4, is further
amended to read

1. Policy. It is the public policy of the State that the State not restrict a woman's
exercise of her private decision to terminate a pregnancy before viability except as provided
in section 1597-A. After viability an abortion may be performed only when it is necessary
to preserve the life or health of the mother, when the fetus is diagnosed with a lethal fetal
anomaly, or, if the mother is a minor, when the minor's pregnancy is the result of rape or
incest. It is also the public policy of the State that all abortions may be performed only by
a health care professional, as defined in section 1596, subsection 1, paragraph C''

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following

'Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1598, sub-§2, ¶A-1 is enacted to read

A-1 "Lethal fetal anomaly" means a fetal condition diagnosed before birth that, if the
pregnancy results in a live birth, will with reasonable certainty result in the child's death
not more than 3 months after birth'

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part/letter or
section number to read consecutively

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the provision of Committee Amendment "A" authorizing an
abortion after viability when it is necessary in the professional judgment of a physician
with a provision that authorizes an abortion after viability when necessary to preserve the
life or health of the mother, when the fetus is diagnosed with a lethal fetal anomaly, or, if

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1 the mother is a minor, when the minor's pregnancy was the result of rape or incest. The
2 amendment also defines "lethal fetal anomaly."

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