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of the Maine State Credit Union or of the Maine State Employees Association or of Council 74 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees or the Maine Turnpike Authority, including those employees in any of said the categories who on April 26, 1968 have retired and who were covered under plans of insurance which by virtue of this legislation will be terminated and thereafter any such employees in any of said the categories who retire and who on the date of their retirement are currently enrolled in this group accident and sickness or health insurance plan shall come within the purview of this section; provided that those members who are not retiring on a disability retirement have participated in the group accident and sickness or health insurance plan for a minimum of one year immediately prior to retirement, excepting that it shall not be extended to include members of the Maine State Municipal Association or the Maine Teachers Association or employees of counties and municipalities and instrumentalities thereof, including quasi-municipal corporations.

Effective September 18, 1981

### **CHAPTER 179**

#### H. P. 820 - L. D. 974

AN ACT to Ensure the Rights of Privacy of Recipients of Public Assistance.

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

19 MRSA § 221 is enacted to read:

#### § 221. Public assistance recipients' rights of privacy

When the Department of Human Services seeks to establish paternity of a dependent child, any inquiry about prior or current sexual activity of a recipient of public assistance shall be limited to that necessary to resolve a genuine dispute about the parentage of a child. When a custodial mother has informed the department that a particular man is the father of her child, the department shall make no further inquiry into her personal life unless the man so identified has denied that he is the father of that child or he refuses to cooperate.

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