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CHAPTER 269
S.P. 403 - L.D. 1134

**An Act To Require the
Department of Health and
Human Services To Distribute
Information Regarding Down
Syndrome to Providers of
Prenatal and Postnatal Care
and to Genetic Counselors**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1642 is enacted to read:

§1642. Down syndrome

The department shall establish, maintain and operate an information service for Down syndrome. For the purposes of this section, "Down syndrome" means a chromosomal condition caused by an error in cell division that results in the presence of an extra whole or partial copy of chromosome 21.

1. Expectant or new parent; others. A hospital, physician, health care provider or certified nurse midwife who renders prenatal care or postnatal care or a genetic counselor who renders prenatal or postnatal genetic counseling shall, upon receipt of a positive test result from a prenatal or postnatal test for Down syndrome, offer the expectant or new parent information provided by the department under subsection 2. The department shall also make such information available to any other person who has received a positive test result from a prenatal or postnatal test for Down syndrome.

2. Information provided. The department shall make available to a person who renders prenatal care, postnatal care or genetic counseling to expectant or new parents who receive a prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome the following:

A. Up-to-date evidence-based written information about Down syndrome that includes physical, developmental, educational and psychosocial outcomes, life expectancy, clinical course and intellectual and functional development and treatment options. The information must have been reviewed by established medical experts in the field and national Down syndrome organizations; and

B. Contact information regarding support programs and services, including information hotlines specific to Down syndrome, resource centers and clearinghouses, national, statewide and local Down syndrome organizations and other educational and support programs.

3. Accessibility of information. Information provided under this section must be culturally and linguistically appropriate for a person receiving a posi-

tive prenatal diagnosis and for the family of a child receiving a postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 270
H.P. 568 - L.D. 834

**An Act To Clarify the Use of
"M.D." To Represent
Achievement of a Graduate
Degree by an Individual Not
Licensed To Practice Medicine
in Maine**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3270, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §204, is further amended to read:

Whoever, not being duly licensed by the board, practices medicine or surgery or a branch of medicine or surgery, or purports to practice medicine or surgery or a branch of medicine or surgery in a way cited in this section, or who uses the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr." or the letters "M.D." in connection with that individual's name, contrary to this section, commits a Class E crime. ~~The prefixing of the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr." or the appending of the letters "M.D." by an individual to that individual's name or the use of the title of doctor or physician in any way by an individual not licensed as described is prima facie evidence that that individual is purporting to practice medicine or surgery contrary to this section, except that nothing~~ Nothing contained in this section prevents an individual who has received the doctor's degree from a reputable college or university, other than the degree of "Doctor of Medicine" from prefixing the letters "Dr." to that individual's name, if that individual is not engaged, and does not engage, in the practice of medicine or surgery or the treatment of a disease or human ailment. ~~Nothing contained in this section prevents an individual who has received the degree "Doctor of Medicine" from a reputable college or university but who is not engaged in the practice of medicine or surgery or the treatment of a disease or human ailment, from prefixing the letters "Dr." or appending the letters "M.D." to that individual's name, as long as that individual's license to practice has never been revoked by the board.~~ Nothing in this chapter may be construed as to affect or prevent the practice of the religious tenets of a church in the ministrations to the sick or suffering by mental or spiritual means.

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