

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**June 19, 2018 to September 13, 2018**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**DECEMBER 13, 2018**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 5, 2018 to June 20, 2019**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2019**

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**CHAPTER 425  
H.P. 301 - L.D. 392**

**An Act To Fund Maine's  
School-based Health Centers**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.**  
The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention  
0143**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to the State's school-based health centers.

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$600,000	\$600,000
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$600,000	\$600,000

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**CHAPTER 426  
S.P. 121 - L.D. 443**

**An Act To Prevent Vitamin K  
Deficiency Bleeding and Eye  
Damage in Infants**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1531**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 848, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§1531. Care of infants after birth**

**1. Prophylactic ophthalmic ointment and reporting requirement.** Every physician, midwife or nurse in charge shall instill or cause to be instilled into the eyes of an infant within 24 hours after its birth prophylactic ophthalmic ointment prescribed by the department and provided without cost by the department. If one or both eyes of an infant become reddened or inflamed at any time within 4 weeks after birth, the midwife, nurse or person having charge of

the infant shall report the condition of the eyes at once to a physician licensed under Title 32, chapter 36 or 48.

**2. Vitamin K injection.** Every physician, midwife or nurse in charge shall administer 0.5 or 1 milligram, based on the infant's weight, of vitamin K to an infant intramuscularly within 6 hours after the infant's birth.

**3. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section, including, but not limited to, creating and making publicly available a brochure about the medical benefits and risks of administering the prophylactic ophthalmic ointment and vitamin K injection, and providing a form on which a parent can refuse the prophylactic ophthalmic ointment or vitamin K injection for the infant of that parent.

**Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to amend form.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its newborn blood spot screening refusal form to include a section permitting a parent to refuse the prophylactic ophthalmic ointment or vitamin K injection required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1531 for the infant of that parent.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.**  
The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention  
0143**

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to create and provide brochures about the medical benefits and risks of the prophylactic ointment and vitamin K treatments.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$7,500	\$2,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,500	\$2,500

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