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**121st Legislature (2002-2004)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 1579 / HP1152

An Act To Promote the Financial Security of Maine's Families and Children. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) Presented by Representative DUDLEY of Portland; Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: BULL of Freeport, COWGER of Hallowell, NORBERT of Portland, PINGREE of North Haven, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Senators: BRENNAN of Cumberland, MAYO of Sagadahoc, TURNER of Cumberland. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Public Hearing 05/02/03. Report A (OTP-AM) Accepted 03/31/04. Amended by: CA H-774, HB/CA H-871. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 04/28/04, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 672.

**Original Bill**

[LD 1579 \(121st Legis. 2003\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law**

[LD 1579 \(1st Regular Session\)](#)

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**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

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**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-774\) \(LD 1579 2004\) \(Report A\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment CB \(H-775\) \(LD 1579 2004\) \(Report C\)](#)

[Amendment HA/CA \(H-782\) \(LD 1579 2004\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CA \(S-472\) \(LD 1579 2004\)](#)

[Amendment SB/CA \(S-476\) \(LD 1579 2004\)](#)

[Amendment HB/CA \(H-871\) \(LD 1579 2004\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment SC/CA \(S-501\) \(LD 1579 2004\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, April 16, 2003 \(H388-405\)](#)

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[HOUSE, March 19, 2004 \(H1385-1401\)](#)

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[HOUSE, March 22, 2004 \(H1402-1413\)](#)

- p. H-1405 (Amendment(s) H-774, H-782)

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[SENATE, April 1, 2004 \(S1504-1515\)](#)

- p. S-1508 (Amendment(s) H-774, S-476)

[HOUSE, April 2, 2004 \(H1509-1516\)](#)

- p. H-1515 (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) H-774, H-782, S-476)

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- p. H-1522 (Remarks (in passing))

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- p. H-1539 (Amendment(s) H-774, S-476)

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- p. H-1551 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 1551, 1553)) (Amendment(s) H-774, S-476, H-871)

[SENATE, April 8, 2004 \(S1563-1581\)](#)

- p. S-1569 (Amendment(s) H-774, S-476, H-871)

[HOUSE, April 12, 2004 \(H1585-1614\)](#)

- p. H-1590 (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) H-774, H-871)

[SENATE, April 13, 2004 \(S1582-1601\)](#)

- p. S-1594 (Amendment(s) H-774, H-871)

[SENATE, April 27, 2004 \(S1684-1698\)](#)

- p. S-1693 (Roll Call(s) (p 1694)) (Amendment(s) H-774, H-871)

**Enacted Law or Resolve**

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**News Articles**

Partners without wills seek rights (Higgins, A.J.) (Bangor Daily News, 5/3/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD15xx/nc121-LD-1579/SB1211015.pdf)

Partners' bill gains support (Cover, Susan M.) (Kennebec Journal, 5/3/2003) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD15xx/nc121-LD-1579/SB1211012.pdf)

- Panel mulls bill to extend rights to domestic partners (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 5/4/2003) ●  
(Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD15xx/nc121-LD-1579/SB1211021.pdf)
- Couples rights bill advances in House (Carrier, Paul) (Portland Press Herald, 3/20/2004) ●  
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- 'Pro-gay' bill gets initial OK in House (Washuk, Bonnie) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 3/23/2004, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD15xx/nc121-LD-1579/SB121440.pdf)
- Senate approves domestic partnership measure (Bangor Daily News, 4/1/2004) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD15xx/nc121-LD-1579/SB121308.pdf)
- Domestic partner bill loses ground (Carrier, Paul) (Portland Press Herald, 4/2/2004) ●  
(Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD15xx/nc121-LD-1579/SB121457.pdf)
- Inheritance rights bill near final vote (Higgins, A.J.) (Bangor Daily News, 4/3/2004, p. A1, A2) ●  
(Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD15xx/nc121-LD-1579/SB121316.pdf)
- Unmarried couples get a win in House vote (Weinstein, Joshua L.) (Portland Press Herald, 4/8/2004, p. 1B, 6B) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD15xx/nc121-LD-1579/SB121469.pdf)
- Domestic partners' measure approved (Carrier, Paul) (Portland Press Herald, 4/28/2004, p. 1B, 10B) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD15xx/nc121-LD-1579/SB121490.pdf)
- Baldacci signs partnerships bill (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 4/29/2004) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD15xx/nc121-LD-1579/SB121396.pdf)

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