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**History and Final Disposition**

LD 1619 / HP1044

An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws. Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Public Hearing 05/01/23. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 06/27/23. Amended by: CA H-700. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 07/19/23, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 416.

**Original Bill**

[LD 1619 \(131st Legis. 2023\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law**

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**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

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p. H-1718 (Remarks (in passing))

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## News Articles

Maine bill would allow abortions late in pregnancy with medical approval (Penelope Overton) (Portland Press Herald, 1/18/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 230118B.pdf)

Yarmouth woman's story inspired governor to propose abortion bill (Penelope Overton) (Portland Press Herald, 1/18/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 230118C.pdf)

Bishop calls Mills' proposal to allow late-term abortions 'beyond troubling' (Penelope Overton) (Portland Press Herald, 1/19/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 230119A.pdf)

Mills said she wouldn't seek to alter Maine abortion law - What changed? (Penelope Overton) (Portland Press Herald, 1/24/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 230121A.pdf)

Plan to expand abortion rights is not 'extreme' (Editorial) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 1/30/2023, p. D2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/MST 230129D.pdf)

Every life is precious, even those of the preborn (Stacey Guerin) (Bangor Daily News, 3/9/2023, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230309E.pdf)

Both sides mobilizing in push for abortion legislation (Penelope Overton) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 4/10/2023, p. A1, A4, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/MST 230409A.pdf)

Democrats line up behind effort by Mills to expand abortion access (Penelope Overton) (Portland Press Herald, 4/12/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 230412A.pdf)

Heated debate lies ahead for Gov Mills' controversial abortion-rights proposal (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 4/13/2023, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230413A.pdf)

Governor's abortion legislation ignites fierce debate (Penelope Overton) (Portland Press Herald, 4/13/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 230413A.pdf)

Failing Maine women (Rebecca Stephens) (Bangor Daily News, 4/20/2023, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230420B.pdf)

Impassioned testimony on both sides at abortion bill hearings (Penelope Overton) (Portland Press Herald, 5/2/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 230502A.pdf)

Hundreds testify in Augusta on abortion bills (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 5/3/2023, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230502A.pdf)

Opposition unlikely to impede Dems' abortion-rights push (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 5/3/2023, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230503C.pdf)

Late-term abortion is cruel injustice (Joel Furrow) (Sun Journal (Lewiston), 5/3/2023, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/Sun Journal 230503B.pdf)

Toll from Supreme Court's abortion decision keeps rising (Douglas Rooks) (Kennebec Journal, 5/4/2023, p. A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/KJ 230504B.pdf)

Bills that curb access to abortion fuel heated testimony (Penelope Overton) (Portland Press Herald, 5/8/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 230506A.pdf)

Defeat LD 1619 (Kathryn Swegart) (Bangor Daily News, 5/9/2023, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 20230508B.pdf)

I support 1619 (Amelia McDonald-Johnson) (Bangor Daily News, 5/9/2023, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 20230508C.pdf)

The Democratic holdouts on Janet Mills' abortion bill (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 5/9/2023, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 20230509A.pdf)

On Monday, May 1, 2023 Maine residents by the thousands flocked to our capitol (Kathy Javner) (Lincoln News/Katahdin Region News, 5/19/2023, p. 16) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/Clip23203.pdf)

Full access to abortion care is about autonomy, well-being (Kathryn Sharpless) (Bangor Daily News, 5/25/2023, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230525C.pdf)

Denying abortion care is harmful (Diane Greene-Foster and Katie Woodruff) (Bangor Daily News, 6/9/2023, p. A9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230609F.pdf)

Abortion-rights bill advances over GOP opposition (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 6/12/2023, p. A1, A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230610A.pdf)

Abortion bill reasonable (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 6/12/2023, p. A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230610D.pdf)

Democrats advance Gov Mills bill to expand abortion access in Maine (Penelope Overton and Emma Kilbride) (Portland Press Herald, 6/12/2023, p. A1, A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 230610A.pdf)

Decisions on birth belong to parents and doctors (Stan Tetenman) (Sun Journal (Lewiston), 6/14/2023, p. A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/Sun Journal 230614E.pdf)

Maine law fails patients who need abortions later in pregnancy (Julia McDonald) (Portland Press Herald, 6/15/2023, p. A4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 230615E.pdf)

Proposed amendment to LD 1619 is a 'farce' (Thomas Page) (Sun Journal (Lewiston), 6/16/2023, p. A5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/SJ 230616C.pdf)

Legislative process on abortion rights was a total sham (Jim Fossel) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 6/20/2023, p. D1, D4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/MST 230618D.pdf)

Hundreds in Augusta push for, against bill to allow abortion later in pregnancy (Joe Lawlor) (Portland Press Herald, 6/20/2023, p. A1, A5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 230617C.pdf)

Legislators begin voting on abortion proposals (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 6/21/2023, p. B1, B3) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 230621F.pdf)

The fates of Maine tribal-rights, abortion bills may be linked (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 6/23/2023, p. A5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230623D.pdf)

House votes to adopt abortion change (Penelope Overton) (Portland Press Herald, 6/23/2023, p. A1, A8) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 230623A.pdf)

Maine's pro-abortion lawmakers are obviously misguided (Karen Vachon) (Portland Press Herald, 6/23/2023, p. A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 230623D.pdf)

Maine Dems take hours to advance Mills' abortion bill (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 6/26/2023, p. A1, A5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230624A.pdf)

Maine Senate delays abortion vote until next week (Penelope Overton) (Portland Press Herald, 6/26/2023, p. A1, A6) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 230624A.pdf)

Police probing anti-abortion messages left near Maine House speaker's home (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 6/27/2023, p. A5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230627J.pdf)

Keep greater abortion access in context (Editorial) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 6/27/2023, p. D2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/MST 230626D.pdf)

Senate sends Mills' abortion bill to House for final approval (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 6/28/2023, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230628B.pdf)

Maine House and Senate endorse Mills' abortion bill (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 6/29/2023, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230629C.pdf)

Abortion laws should keep politicians out of the emergency room (Amy Fried) (Bangor Daily News, 7/6/2023, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230705C.pdf)

Local legislators vote on abortion, paid family leave (Stephen Betts) (Courier-Gazette, 7/7/2023, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/Courier-Gazette 230629D.pdf)

Democrats secure majority vote to expand abortion access (Steve Mistler) (Bangor Daily News, 7/10/2023, p. A1, A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230708A.pdf)

Mills signs one of nation's most permissive abortion laws (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 7/20/2023, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230720A.pdf)

Mills' signature expands abortion access in Maine (Penelope Overton) (Portland Press Herald, 7/20/2023, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 230720A.pdf)

Texts show Maine Dems' race to save abortion bill (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 8/8/2023, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230808A.pdf)

Abortion foes waver on people's veto against Mills' new law (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 8/8/2023, p. A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/BDN 230808C.pdf)

The texts tell you all you need to know (Eric Brakey) (Machias Valley News Observer, 8/16/2023, p. 7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/Machias Valley News Observer 230816C.pdf)

How the pendulum swings (Editorial) (Ellsworth American, 8/24/2023, p. Sec. B, p. 4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/EA 230824E.pdf)

Maine law expanding access to abortion goes into effect (Joe Lawlor) (Portland Press Herald, 10/25/2023, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 231025B.pdf)

Powerful personal accounts protected, expanded access to abortion (Dana Peirce) (Portland Press Herald, 10/25/2023, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD16xx/nc131-LD-1619/PPH 231025D.pdf)

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