

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

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H.P. 1351 - L.D. 2021

**An Act to Add an Online Option for Reporting of Suspected Abuse, Neglect
and Exploitation of Adults**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3477, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2003, c. 653, §10, is further amended to read:

2. Reports. Reports regarding abuse, neglect or exploitation must be made immediately ~~by telephone~~ to the department either by telephone or by an online portal designated by the department and must be followed by a written report within 48 hours if requested by the department. The reports must contain the name and address of the involved adult; information regarding the nature and extent of the abuse, neglect or exploitation; the source of the report; and the name of the person making the report;² that person's occupation; and where that person can be contacted. The report may contain any other information that the reporter believes may be helpful.