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House of Representatives, February 7, 2023

**An Act to Conform State Funding to the Federal Hyde Amendment,
Limiting Funding for Some Abortion Services**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative JAVNER of Chester.
Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and
Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, CARMICHAEL of
Greenbush, GRIFFIN of Levant, LEMELIN of Chelsea, PAUL of Winterport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3196**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 274, §1, is repealed.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 Public Law 2019, chapter 274 enacted the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section
5 3196, which requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide coverage
6 to a MaineCare member for abortion services. Abortion services that are not approved
7 Medicaid services must be funded by the State.

8 The so-called federal Hyde Amendment prohibits federal Medicaid funding for
9 abortions except in cases of life endangerment, rape or incest. This bill repeals Title 22,
10 section 3196, removing the requirement that the department provide abortion services to
11 MaineCare members and removing the requirement that the State pay when the abortion
12 services are not covered by Medicaid.