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## **An Act To Encourage Transparency in Disclosing the Ingredients in Vaccinations for Children to Parents and Guardians**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1066** is enacted to read:

### **§ 1066. Immunization; disclosure of information**

A health care provider or clinic staff person shall, prior to immunizing a person under 18 years of age, disclose the ingredients of the immunizing agent or agents to the parent or the guardian of the child. The health care provider or clinic staff person shall notify the parent or guardian that the parent or guardian has the option of refusing the immunization of the child based on religious or philosophical beliefs.

### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this bill is to provide greater transparency regarding the ingredients of vaccinations and to reduce confusion related to school immunization requirements and a parent's right to decide against immunizing that parent's child. The bill requires a health care provider or clinic staff person to, prior to immunizing a person under 18 years of age, disclose the ingredients of the immunizing agent or agents to the parent or guardian of the child. It also requires the health care provider or clinic staff person to notify the parent or guardian of the option of refusing immunization of the child based on religious or philosophical beliefs.