**An Act To Improve Information Sharing by Criminal Justice Agencies with Government Agencies Responsible for Investigating Child or Adult Abuse**

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

**Sec.** **1. 16 MRSA §806, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 507, §6, is further amended to read:

**1.** **A government agency responsible for** **~~investigating child or adult abuse, neglect~~** **~~or exploitation or~~ regulating facilities and programs providing care to children or** **adults.**  A government agency or subunit of a government agency in this State or another state that pursuant to statute is responsible for ~~investigating abuse, neglect or exploitation~~ ~~of children or incapacitated or dependent adults or for~~ licensing or regulating the programs or facilities that provide care to children or incapacitated or dependent adults if the intelligence and investigative record information concerns the investigation of suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation;

**Sec.** **2. 16 MRSA §806, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A.** **A government agency responsible for investigating child or adult abuse.**  A government agency or subunit of a government agency in this State or another state that pursuant to statute is responsible for investigating abuse, neglect or exploitation of children or incapacitated or dependent adults;

**SUMMARY**

This bill expands the authority of criminal justice agencies to share confidential intelligence and investigative record information with government agencies responsible for the investigation of abuse, neglect or exploitation of children or incapacitated or dependent adults.