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House of Representatives, April 12, 2023

**An Act to Streamline the Process for Amending a Birth Certificate
of an Adult When Genetic Parentage is Not Disputed**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and
Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BOYER of Poland, DANA of the Passamaquoddy
Tribe, DUNPHY of Embden, LAJOIE of Lewiston, NESS of Fryeburg, NEWMAN of
Belgrade, Senator: LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2767-A, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 5, §3, is
3 amended to read:

4 C. Evidence If the genetic parentage of the person to be named on the amended birth
5 certificate is disputed by the person listed on the birth certificate or by the other genetic
6 parent listed on the birth certificate, evidence of genetic parentage based on testing of
7 deoxyribonucleic acid, DNA, that includes:

8 (1) A notarized report of the results of the DNA testing; and

9 (2) Notarized documentation of the chain of custody of the blood and tissue
10 samples examined in the testing.

11 The testing must be of a type generally acknowledged as reliable by accreditation
12 bodies designated by the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services, and it must
13 be performed by a laboratory approved by an accreditation body designated by the
14 federal Secretary of Health and Human Services.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill provides that in order to amend a birth certificate of an adult, evidence of
17 genetic parentage based on testing of DNA is required only if the genetic parentage of the
18 person to be named on the amended birth certificate is in dispute.