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Testimony of Rep. Bill Bridgeo introducing

LD 541, An Act to Promote Awareness of the Maine Parentage Act

Before the Health and Human Services Committee

Good afternoon, Sen. Ingwersen, Rep. Meyer and esteemed members of the Health and Human Services Committee. My name is Bill Bridgeo, and I represent District 60 – the East Side of Augusta. I am here today to present **LD 541, An Act to Promote Awareness of the Maine Parentage Act**, on behalf of my constituent, Gil Tierney. Mr. Tierney and I have had a number of conversations related to his concerns that parents in Maine should be aware of all of the provisions of our state statute – the Maine Parentage Act.

This is a subject that Mr. Tierney cares deeply about and he is here today to speak to it.

I will defer to him for further explanation. Mr. Tierney is a committed citizen-follower of our legislative process, and I am happy to provide him with this opportunity to advocate for an issue he feels passionate about.

I will defer questions to Mr. Tierney.