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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.