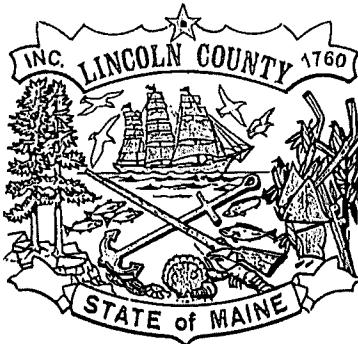


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In RE: LD 966- AN ACT ALLOWING ACCESS BY STATE AGENCIES AND HOSPITALS TO CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL PROBATE COURT RECORDS IF THE ACCESS IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My Name is Catherine Moore and I am the Register of Probate for Lincoln County.

The Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of the Attorney General, hospitals and any other agencies designated by the Governor should have access to confidential Probate Court Records.

I support this bill but question how they will have access to these records.

If they are not an interested party or entitled to receive notice under 18-C M.R.S. §5-310 and §5-411 the agency would not be able to access the records remotely.

I am willing to work with the Judiciary Committee on any issues that you may have with LD 966 and happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Catherine H. Moore
Register of Probate, Lincoln County