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Testimony on LD 24: An Act Regarding Certificates of Birth, Marriage and Death

Sen. Claxton, Rep. Meyer, and honorable members of the Health and Human Services Committee, I am Sen. Anne Carney. I represent District 29, the communities of Cape Elizabeth, South Portland, and part of Scarborough.

I am here today to present LD 24, “An Act Regarding Certificates of Birth, Marriage and Death.”

This bill fixes inconsistencies and clarifies language in laws affecting vital record keeping in Maine.

These changes will be useful to streamline the process to register births, deaths and marriages electronically in unincorporated areas, more efficiently update birth certificates, and clarify requirements to obtain marriage licences.

I am sponsoring this bill on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services. They will provide a detailed summary of the changes this bill makes, and I encourage you to direct any questions you may have to them.

Thank you.