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**An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Parental Rights in Child
Abandonment Cases**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CROCKETT of Bethel.
Cosponsored by Representative: DAVIS of Sangerville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §553, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

3 2-A. For purposes of this section, "abandonment of a child" does not include
4 voluntary placement of a child with a person, agency or medical facility resulting from a
5 coordinated effort with the Department of Health and Human Services and health care
6 professionals to secure a placement that is in the best interests of the child.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill provides that criminal abandonment of a child does not include voluntary
9 placement of a child with a person, agency or medical facility resulting from a
10 coordinated effort with the Department of Health and Human Services and health care
11 professionals to secure a placement that is in the best interests of the child.