

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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H.P. 583 - L.D. 778

**An Act To Enable Electronic Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse and
Neglect for Certain Mandated Reporters**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4012, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 402, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Immediate report. Reports regarding abuse or neglect must be made immediately by telephone to the department unless otherwise specified in this subsection and must be followed by a written report within 48 hours if requested by the department.

~~Hospitals, medical personnel~~ Medical professionals, hospitals and hospital staff, school personnel and law enforcement personnel may submit ~~emergency~~ reports ~~through password-protected e-mail submissions.~~ ~~A faxed report may also be accepted when preceded by a telephone call informing the department of the incoming fax transmission electronically.~~ The department shall provide a portal through which these electronic reports may be submitted that is linked to the department's comprehensive child welfare information system.