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An Act To Allow Authorization for the Release of HIV Information on a General Medical Information Release Form

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §19203-D, sub-§1, as reenacted by PL 1999, c. 512, Pt. B, §4 and affected by §§5 and 6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Authorized release. When the person who is the subject of an HIV test authorizes the release of medical information on a general medical information release form, the custodian of the medical record receiving the form may release any HIV infection status information contained in the medical record. Release of HIV infection status information pursuant to this subsection is not a violation of any of the confidentiality provisions of this chapter.

SUMMARY

This bill allows the release of HIV infection status information when a person authorizes the release of general medical information and eliminates the requirement for a specific authorization to be signed at the time a person receives the results of an HIV test.