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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 532, L.D. 702, Bill, “An Act To Prevent HIV Transmission from a Pregnant Mother to a Child”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §19203-A, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Protection of newborn infants.** Subject to the consent and procedure requirements of subsection 1, a health care provider who is providing care for a pregnant woman shall include an HIV test in a standard set of medical tests performed on the woman. A health care provider who is providing care for a newborn infant shall test the infant for HIV and ensure that the results are available within 12 hours of birth of the infant if the health care provider does not know the HIV status of the mother or the health care provider believes that HIV testing is medically necessary unless a parent objects to the test on the grounds that it conflicts with the sincere religious or conscientious beliefs and practices of the parent. If a woman declines to be tested for HIV pursuant to this subsection and subsection 1, the health care provider shall document the woman’s decision in the woman’s medical record.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment removes the requirement in the bill for a health care provider to provide an HIV test when testing a woman for pregnancy. It adds an exemption for a parent to object to an HIV test on a newborn infant on religious grounds. It changes the requirement in the bill for a newborn infant to be tested within 48 hours after birth to the requirement that the test results on a newborn be made available within 12 hours after birth.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**