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House of Representatives, February 7, 1961

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cox of Dexter, by request.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Property Pending an Interlocutory or Final Divorce Decree.

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

**R. S., c. 166, & 59-A, additional.** Chapter 166 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 59-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 59-A. Use of property pending an interlocutory or final divorce decree. Upon service of a complaint in an action for divorce being made upon a defendant therein named, and pending an interlocutory or final decree or order relating to entitlement to possession of, or title to the property owned by either or both of the said parties, either jointly or individually, each and both of the parties to such action are prohibited from imposing any restraint on, or interfering with, the liberty of the other spouse, in any way. Each and both of the parties to said action are prohibited from disposing of, by sale or in any other manner, or depriving the other spouse, by any means or in any manner, of any furniture, furnishings, equipment, facilities, clothing or other personal effects of the other spouse or any of the same items, including recreational or sporting items provided by either or both of the said parties to and for their children. Pending an interlocutory or final decree in such actions, the husband is required to continue support and maintenance of his family and of all members thereof whom he is legally obligated to support, in the same manner and to the same extent, as he would have been obligated to do so without the commencement of the said action for divorce. Pending an interlocutory or final decree in such action, either or both spouses are prohibited from disposing of, by sale, mortgage, pledge or otherwise, any real estate or interest therein owned by or accrued to, either or both of them.'