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1 2	(EMERGENCY) (After Deadline)
3 4	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
5 6	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
7 8	Legislative Document No. 2159
9	S.P. 808 In Senate, March 2, 1984
10 11 12	Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Suggested and ordered printed. JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
13	Presented by Senator Pray of Penobscot. Cosponsors: Senator Collins of Knox, Representative Mitchell of Vassalboro and Representative Higgins of Scarborough.
14 15	STATE OF MAINE
16 17 18	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
19 20 21 22	AN ACT to Clarify and Make Consistent the Rules of Construction Regarding Gender used in the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated.
23 24 25	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis- lature don not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
26 27 28	Whereas, The Maine Legislature has adopted a long standing rule of statutory construction regarding gender; and
29 30 31 32	Whereas, that general rule was established to promote clarity, uniformity and conciseness in the laws of Maine following the majority view of our nation; and

1 Whereas, this position has inadvertently been 2 changed by a rule to the contrary within one of the 3 Titles; and

Whereas, without immediate passage of this bill, the laws of Maine are ambiguous and open to conflicting interpetation; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to clarify and make consistent the rules of construction regarding gender used throughout the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated. This bill accomplishes that purpose by repealing an inconsistent provision which was inadvertently enacted at the time of the New Educational Code.

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