# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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#### SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

### HOUSE NO. 165

House of Representatives, Feb. 8, 1917.

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

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Berry of Waterville.

#### STATE OF MAINE

## IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT to amend Section twenty-seven of Chapter one hundred and twenty of the Revised Statutes relating to offences against the lives and persons of individuals.

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

Section twenty-seven of Chapter one hundred and twenty

- 2 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out
- 3 the words "twenty-one" in the first line and by inserting in
- 4 place thereof the word 'eighteen' and striking out the word
- 5 "unmarried" in the second line, so that said section as
- 6 amended shall read as follows:
  - 'Sect. 27. Whoever, being more than eighteen years of

- 2 age, has carnal knowledge of the body of any female child, 3 between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years, shall be pun-4 ished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by im-5 prisonment for not more than two years. The provisions of 6 this section shall not apply to cases of rape as defined in sec-
- 7 tion sixteen of this chapter.'