

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 90

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House of Representatives, Feb. 4, 1919.

Introduced by Mr. Sawyer of Fort Fairfield. By Mr. Sawyer of Fort Fairfield tabled for printing pending reference to a committee and 500 copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sawyer of Fort Fairfield.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

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AN ACT amendatory and additional to section one hundred  
and twenty-one of chapter nineteen of the Revised Statutes,  
relating to Public Health.

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

Section 121 of chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes is here-  
2 by amended by adding thereto at the end of the first sen-  
3 tence thereof the following: 'Every physician, midwife,  
4 nurse or other person in charge, shall instill, or cause to be  
5 instilled into the eyes of the infant immediately upon its birth  
6 one or two drops of a prophylactic solution prescribed by

7 the state department of health,' so that the said section as  
8 amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 121. If one or both eyes of an infant become red-  
2 dened or inflamed at any time within four weeks after birth,  
3 the midwife, nurse or person having charge of said infant  
4 shall report the condition of the eyes at once to some legally  
5 qualified practitioner of medicine of the town in which the  
6 parents of the infant reside. Every physician, midwife,  
7 nurse or other person in charge, shall instill, or cause to be  
8 instilled into the eyes of the infant immediately upon its  
9 birth one or two drops of a prophylactic solution prescribed  
10 by the state department of health. Any failure to comply  
11 with the provisions of this section shall be punishable by a  
12 fine not to exceed one hundred dollars, or imprisonment not  
13 to exceed six months.'