

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 90

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.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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.'