

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" TO HOUSE DOCUMENT
NO. 90.

SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 331

House of Representatives, March 5, 1919.

Taken from table on motion of Mr. Garcelon of Auburn and
retabled for printing pending adoption.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Garcelon of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Amendatory and Additional to Section One Hundred
Twenty-one of Chapter Nineteen of the Revised Statutes,
Relating to Public Health.

Amend by striking out the words "nurse or other per-
2 son" in the second sentence of the second paragraph and
3 insert in place thereof the words 'or nurse,' and add at
4 the end of said sentence the following: 'unless either pa-
5 rent or the guardian of the infant shall offer conscientious
6 objections thereto.' So that said paragraph as amended
7 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
3 birth, the midwife, nurse or person having charge of said
4 infant shall report the condition of the eyes at once to
5 some legally qualified practitioner of medicine of the town
6 in which the parents of the infant reside. Every physician,
7 midwife or nurse 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 pre-
10 scribed by the State Department of Health, unless either
11 parent or the guardian of the infant shall offer conscien-
12 tious objections thereto. Any failure to comply with the
13 provisions of this section shall be punishable by a fine not
14 to exceed one hundred dollars, or imprisonment not to ex-
15 ceed six months.'