

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 52

House of Representatives, January 28, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Public Health and 300 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Phillips of Bar Harbor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Prevent the Marriage of Persons Having Syphilis.

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

Chapter sixty-four, section five of the revised statutes, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word "clerk" in
3 the ninth line of said section the following: 'and no such
4 certificate shall be issued to any person until each of the
5 parties wishing to be married shall file with the clerk a cer-
6 tificate under oath by a physician in this state stating that
7 he or she is free from syphilis,' so that said section as
8 amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 5. The clerk shall deliver to the parties a certifi-
2 cate specifying the time when such intentions were entered

3 with him ; and it shall be delivered to the minister or mag-
4 istrate before he begins to solemnize the marriage ; but no
5 such certificate shall be issued to a male under twenty-one,
6 or to a female under eighteen years of age, without the
7 written consent of their parents or guardians first presented,
8 if they have any living in the state ; nor to a town pauper
9 when the overseers of such town deposit a list of their pau-
10 pers with the clerk ; and no such certificate shall be issued
11 to any person until each of the parties wishing to be mar-
12 ried shall file with the clerk a certificate under oath by a
13 physician in this state stating that he or she is free from
14 syphilis ; and for an intentional violation of the foregoing
15 prohibitions, or for falsely stating the residence of either
16 party named in such certificate, such clerk forfeits twenty
17 dollars.'