

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 56

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House of Representatives, Feb. 7, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Brewster of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Amending Chapter One Hundred and Twenty of the Revised Statutes and An Act Changing the Age of Consent from Fourteen to Sixteen Years.

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

Section 1. Section sixteen of chapter one hundred and 2 twenty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking 3 out the word "fourteen" in the second line and the word 4 "fourteen" in the fourth line thereof and substituting in 5 each line the word 'sixteen' so that the said section as 6 amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 16. Rape, defined and punished. Whoever ravishes, 2 and carnally knows, any female of sixteen or more years

3 of age, by force and against her will, or unlawfully and  
4 carnally knows and abuses a female child under sixteen  
5 years of age, shall be punished by imprisonment for any  
6 term of years.'

Sect. 2. Section twenty-two of chapter one hundred and  
2 twenty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking  
3 out the word "fourteen" in the second line and the word  
4 "fourteen" in the fifth line thereof and substituting in each  
5 line the word 'sixteen' so that the said section as amended  
6 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 22. Assault with intent to commit rape. Whoever  
2 assaults a female of sixteen years of age or more, with in-  
3 tent to commit a rape, shall be punished by imprisonment  
4 not exceeding ten years, or by fine not exceeding five hun-  
5 dred dollars. If such assault is made on a female under  
6 sixteen years, such imprisonment shall be for not less than  
7 one, nor more than twenty years.'

Sect. 3. Section twenty-seven of chapter one hundred and  
2 twenty of the revised statutes as amended by chapter one  
3 hundred and six of the acts of nineteen hundred and seven-  
4 teen is hereby repealed.