

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 201**

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H. P. 581 House of Representatives, Jan. 28, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Burkett of Portland.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Authorize the Children's Protective Society to  
Sign Warrants for Commitment of Neglected Children.

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

Section 1. The first sentence of Section 52 of Chapter 72 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the words "county probation officer" in the second line thereof the words, 'an agent of the Children's Protective Society of Maine,' so that section as amended shall read as follows:

Sec. 52. Warrants to be issued on complaint of cases of neglect to children; child may be given into custody of individual or child welfare institution; court may direct municipal board to care for child pending hearing. R. S. c. 64, sec. 53. 1917 c. 297, 1919, c. 171, 1929, c. 267. When complaint in writing signed by an agent of the state board, sheriff, county probation officer, an agent of the Children's Protective Society of Maine, police officer, member of a municipal board or by three or more citizens of any town or city is made under oath to the probate court of the county or the municipal or police court having jurisdiction in said city or town, alleging that such child in such city or town is cruelly treated or wilfully neglected by its parents or parent or by the wilful failure of such parents or parent is not provided with suitable food, clothing or privileges of education, or is kept at or al-

lowed to frequent any disorderly house, house of ill fame, gambling place, or place where intoxicating liquors are sold, or other places injurious to the health and morals, or that such child is an orphan without means of support or kindred of sufficient ability who will furnish such support, and praying that suitable and proper provision be made for the care, custody, support and education of the child named in such complaint, the court to whom such complaint is made shall issue a warrant causing the parents or other persons having custody or control of such child, if any, and the child, if necessary, to be brought before it, or shall cause notice to be given to said parents or said other persons in such manner or in such length of time as the court deems proper.