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Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Slocum of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Responsibility of Parents and Guardians for Torts  
of Minors.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 153, § 19-A, additional.** Chapter 153 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 19-A, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 19-A. Parent or guardian liable for minor's torts.** The father, or after his decease, the mother, or if no father or mother, the person having legal custody, shall be responsible for all damages occasioned by their minor or unemancipated children, residing with them, or placed by them under the care of other persons, reserving to them recourse against those persons.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 153, § 20, amended.** Section 20 of chapter 153 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 20. Vested jurisdiction of courts not affected.** Nothing contained in the  $\neq$  5 preceding sections shall be deemed to abrogate any power or jurisdiction now vested in any court over the care and custody of minor children.'