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S. P. 577

In Senate, March 3, 1949

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Baker of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Actions for Injuries Causing Immediate Death.

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

R. S., c. 152, § 10, amended. Section 10 of chapter 152 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 10. How such action to be brought; and amount recovered, disposed of; limitation. Every such action shall be brought by and in the names of the personal representatives of such deceased person, and the amount recovered in every such action, except as hereinafter provided, shall be for the exclusive benefit of the widow or widower, if no children, and of the children, if no widow or widower, and if both, then for the exclusive benefit of the widow or widower and the children equally, and, if neither, of his or her heirs. The jury may give such damages as they shall deem a fair and just compensation, ~~not exceeding \$10,000~~ **not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$10,000**, with reference to the pecuniary injuries resulting from such death to the persons for whose benefit such action is brought, and in addition thereto, shall give such damages as will compensate the estate of such deceased person for reasonable expenses of medical, surgical and hospital care and treatment, and for reasonable funeral expenses, provided that such action shall be commenced within 2 years after the death of such person.'