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Chapter 175.

An Act Amending Section Fourteen of Chapter Sixty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Custody of Minor Children of Divorced Parents.

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

R. S., c. 65, § 14, relating to disposition of minor children of divorced parents, amended. Section fourteen, of chapter sixty-five of the revised statutes relating to divorce is hereby amended by inserting after the word "live" and before the word "alter" in the fourth line of said section, the following words: 'or grant the care and custody of said children to a third person, or to some suitable society or institution for the care and protection of children', so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

'Sec. 14. Custody may be granted to third person or to suitable society. The court making a decree of nullity, or of divorce, or any justice thereof in vacation, may also decree concerning the care, custody and support of the minor children of the parties and with which parents any of them shall live, or grant the care and custody of said children to a third person or to some suitable society or institution for the care and protection of children, alter its decree from time to time as circumstances require ; change the name of the wife, at her request ; and in execution of the powers given it in this chapter may employ any compulsory process which it deems proper, by execution, attachment or other effectual form.'

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 176.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-eight of Chapter Sixty-four, of the Revised Statutes, Relative to the Licensing of Children's Homes and Maternity Hospitals.

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

R. S., c. 64, § 58, relating to licensing of maternity hospitals, amended. Section fifty-eight of chapter sixty-four of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out in the tenth and eleventh lines the words "on the third day of July, nineteen hundred sixteen, was" and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'is or shall come' so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

'Sec. 58. Does not apply to institutions which are or shall hereafter come under supervision of state board of charities and corrections. No person, firm, corporation or association shall conduct or maintain a maternity hospital, or conduct or maintain a boarding house or home for three or more children under sixteen years of age, unattended by parents or guardian, excepting children related to such persons by blood or marriage, or who have been legally adopted by such persons, or engage in, or assist in conducting a business of placing out or finding homes or otherwise disposing of children under sixteen years of age, without having in full

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force a written license therefor from the state board of charities and corrections; provided, that nothing in this section shall apply to any institution, which is or shall come under the supervision of the state board of charities and corrections by the provisions of chapter one hundred forty-seven.'

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 177.

An Act to Prevent Discrimination against Soldiers and Sailors in the Service of the United States or State of Maine, on Account of their Uniform.

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

Penalty for discrimination without cause against soldiers or sailors, in public places. Whoever makes any distinction, discrimination or restriction against any soldier or sailor duly enlisted in the service of the United States or the State of Maine relative to admission to, or treatment in, a theatre, skating rink or other public place of amusement, or in any public conveyance or public meeting, or in an inn or hotel, or other public places kept for gain or hire, while wearing the uniform of said United States or said State of Maine, except for good cause, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisonment for not more than three months.

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 178.

An Act Providing for the Control of the White Pine Blister Rust and Other Fungous and Insect Pests.

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

Sec. 1. White pine blister rust dangerous pest. That the fungous disease commonly known as the white pine blister rust is hereby declared to be a dangerous pest in all its stages; and it is the duty of the officials hereinafter named, to prosecute the measures hereinafter specified for the control of this pest.

Sec. 2. Forest commissioner to promulgate information and to designate areas where control is necessary. Proceedings when owner fails to comply. The forest commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered to promulgate by letter, publication, poster or other means, information concerning the white pine blister rust and to designate by the aforesaid means of promulgation, areas within the state in which control measures are necessary or advisable. It shall be the duty of every land owner within such designated area, to carry out such control measures as are ordered by the forest commissioner, including the removal and destruction of any or all plants of the genus ribes, commonly known as currants and gooseberries, and any white pine tree or trees, which are found to be infected with