

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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## CHAP. 270

'No person, except a wholesaler or manufacturer, shall advertise or permit to be advertised on the outside of any licensed premises, or on any building, ground or premises under his control, contiguous or adjacent to the licensed premises, by more than 1 outside sign, the fact that the licensee has for sale any liquor, malt liquor, wine or spirits, or any brand of such liquor, malt liquor, wine or spirits, or the price at which liquor, malt liquors, wine or spirits are sold by the licensee, or display on the outside of any licensed premises any other advertisement which would indicate any reference whatsoever to liquors, malt liquors, wine or spirits.

No licensee shall be permitted to display from the inside of any licensed premises where the same may be seen from the outside any electrically lighted sign advertising the fact that the licensee has for sale any liquor, malt liquor, wine or spirits unless the total area of such sign shall not exceed 750 square inches and no licensee shall display more than 1 such sign from within any 1 window.'

Approved April 20, 1939.

## Chapter 270

### AN ACT Relating to Commitment of Juvenile Delinquents.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 391, amended. Section 391 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933, as amended by chapter 94 of the public laws of 1933, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 391. Commitment of idle or vicious minors. A parent or guardian of any ~~girl~~ minor child between the ages of 9 and 17 years, the municipal officers, a police officer, or any 3 ~~respectable~~ inhabitants of any city or town, where ~~she~~ such child may be found, may complain in writing to the judge of probate having jurisdiction, or ~~any trial justice in the county or~~ to the judge of the municipal court for such city or town, alleging that ~~she~~ such minor child is leading an idle or vicious life, or has been found in circumstances of manifest danger of falling into habits of vice or immorality, and request that ~~she~~ such child may be committed to the guardianship of the ~~department~~ officers of either the state school for boys or the Hallowell state school for girls, or to the custody of the department of health and welfare. Provided, however, that no boy may be committed to the state school for boys who is under the age of 11 years, or who is deaf, dumb, non compos or insane. The ~~judge or justice~~ court shall appoint a time and place of hearing and order notice thereof to the parents or guardian

of said child, if any, to such child, and to the department of health and welfare at least 5 days prior to the date set for said hearing, and at such time and place, may examine into the truth of said allegations, and if satisfactory evidence thereof is adduced, and it appears that the welfare of such ~~girl~~ minor child requires it, he may order ~~her~~ such minor child to be committed to the custody and guardianship of the ~~department~~ officers of the state school for boys or the **Hallowell state school for girls** during his or her minority, unless sooner discharged by process of law, or order ~~her~~ such child committed to the custody of the department of health and welfare ~~in accordance with~~ subject to provisions of sections 205, 206 and 207 of this chapter. All precepts issued in pursuance of this section may be executed by any officer who may execute civil process. Upon commitment of ~~such~~ a girl if the officer to whom the mittimus or order of commitment is addressed is not a woman, the judge ~~or trial justice~~ shall designate a woman to be an attendant to accompany her to the **Hallowell state school for girls**, and the fees of judges of municipal courts, ~~trial justices~~, and officers shall be the same as for similar services in civil cases, and the fees of such woman attendant shall be the same as provided for aids in criminal cases, and when not otherwise provided for, all fees shall be audited by the county commissioners and paid from the county treasury.'

Approved April 20, 1939.

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## Chapter 271

### AN ACT Relating to Alimony.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 73, § 9, amended. The last sentence of section 9 of chapter 73 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The court may also decree to her reasonable alimony out of his estate, having regard to his ability, and sufficient money for her defense or prosecution of hearings affecting alimony; and to effect the purposes aforesaid, may order so much of his real estate, or the rents and profits thereof, as is necessary, to be assigned and set out to her for life; or instead of alimony, may decree a specific sum to be paid by him to her or payable in such manner and at such times as the court may direct; and may at any time alter, amend or suspend a decree for alimony or specific sum when it appears that justice requires; and use all necessary legal processes to carry its decrees into effect.'