

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING THE

EXTRA SESSION OF 1853, AND SESSION OF 1854.



Augusta:

WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

1854.

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 30.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
FIFTY-FOUR.

AN ACT to secure to married women their earnings.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. Any married woman, who shall perform personal labor or services, shall be entitled to receive the wages due for the same, to her sole use and benefit, free from all claims of her husband, his assigns, or creditors. Such married woman shall have power to collect such wages, and to give receipts therefor; and she may commence and prosecute suits for the recovery of the same, in her own name.

SECT. 2. Any married woman shall be entitled to sue for, in her own name, and to recover to her own

3 use, compensation for any and all injuries to her per-
4 son ; and no discharge of any claim for such compen-
5 sation shall be valid, unless executed by her or by her
6 authority.

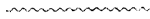
IN SENATE, March 31, 1854.

This bill, having had two several readings, passed to be en-
grossed, as amended on sheet annexed marked A.

Sent down for concurrence.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, *Secretary.*

AMENDMENT.



A.

Insert at the end of section 2 :

Provided however, that no husband shall be compelled to pay any costs that may accrue from any action authorized by this act, and that nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive the husband of his right to the personal services of the wife, when he may require them at home or elsewhere.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
April 3, 1854. }

Ordered, That 350 copies of this bill be printed for the use
of the Legislature.

JOHN J. PERRY, *Clerk*.