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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Plante of Old Orchard Beach.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Prohibiting Race or Color Disclosure in Vital Records.**

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

**R. S., c. 25, § 397-A, sub-§ I, amended.** Subsection I of section 397-A of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 7 of chapter 298 of the public laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:

**I. Illegitimacy.** No official in this State shall permit inspection, or issue a certified copy of any ~~certificate or~~ record of birth, **marriage or death** disclosing **race or color, or, in case of birth, disclosing** illegitimacy. ~~Such a record~~ **Records of illegitimacy** may be disclosed or a certified copy issued upon request of the illegitimate himself, or his legal guardian or counsel or of petitioners for adoption or in response to court process.