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ONE - HUNDRE DTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 805

House of Representatives, February 1, 1961

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Philbrick of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

**AN ACT Making Mandatory the Reporting of Blindness to Health and
Welfare Department.**

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

R. S., c. 25, § 299-A, additional. Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be numbered 299-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 299-A. Mandatory reporting of blindness to the Division of Services for the Blind. Whenever, upon examination at a clinic, hospital or other institution, or elsewhere, by a physician or optometrist the visual acuity of any person is found to be with correction 20/200 or less in the better eye or the peripheral field of his vision to have contracted to the 20 degree radius or less regardless of visual acuity, the physician, optometrist, institutional superintendent or other person conducting the examination shall within 30 days report to the Commissioner of Health and Welfare the result of the examination and that blindness of the person examined has been established. The department shall inform and advise such persons as to services for the blind provided in section 300.'