

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 719

House of Representatives, February 5, 1963

Referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Albair of Caribou.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Prohibiting Discrimination Among Licensed Optometrists.

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

R. S., c. 76, § 12-A, additional. Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 12-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 12-A. Public aid ocular services. All agencies, commissions, clinics and bureaus administering relief, public assistance, public welfare assistance, social security, health insurance or health services under the laws of this State shall accept the service of licensed optometrists for any service covered by their licenses relating to any persons receiving benefits from said agencies or commissions and shall pay for such services in the same way as practitioners of other professions may be paid for similar services. None of said governmental agencies, or their agents, officials or employees thereof, including the public schools, in the performance of their duties shall in any way show discrimination among licensed ocular practitioners.

Whoever violates or fails to comply with this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.'