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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1248

H. P. 861

House of Representatives, February 7, 1963

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Hendricks of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Licensing Homes for Unwed Mothers.

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

R. S., c. 25, § 255-A, additional. Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 255-A, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 255-A. Homes for unwed mothers licensed. No person, firm, corporation or association shall conduct or maintain a home or other facility for the purpose of providing for the care and protection of one or more unwed mothers and unwed expectant mothers under 21 years of age and the children of such unwed mothers, or shall advertise himself or hold himself out as providing care and protection of such unwed mothers and unwed expectant mothers and their children, excepting persons who are related by blood or marriage to the persons conducting or maintaining such a facility or who have been legally adopted by such persons, without having in full force, subject to the rules and regulations of the department, a written license therefor from the department. No such license shall be issued until the applicant has furnished the department with a written statement signed by one of the officials designated in section 19; or a statement by one of the officials designated in chapter 97, section 22 that the home and premises comply with said section 22, or the Insurance Commissioner shall, if requested, direct such inspection to be made in accordance with chapter 97, section 21. Said written statement shall be furnished annually thereafter. The department shall establish and pay reasonable fees to the municipal official or the Insurance Commissioner for each such inspection. The term of such license shall be for one year and the license may be suspended or revoked for failure to comply with this section or the rules and regulations pertaining thereto. When the department believes a license should be suspended or revoked it shall file a statement or complaint with the Hearing Officer designated in chapter 20-A. A

person aggrieved by the refusal of the department to issue a license may file a statement or complaint with said Hearing Officer. Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both.'