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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath.

#### STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE

## AN ACT Relating to Religious Confessionals as Privileged Communications.

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

R. S., T. 16, § 156, additional. Title 16 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 156 to read as follows:

'Sec. 156. Religious confessionals. An ordained minister of the gospel, priest or rabbi shall not be forced to testify in court, in civil or criminal proceedings, to statements made to him by a person under the sanctity of a religious confessional.'