

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 249

S. P. 86

In Senate, January 22, 1969

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Beliveau of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Pecuniary Damages in Actions for Injuries Causing Death of a Minor.

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

R. S., T. 18, § 2552, amended. The last sentence of section 2552 of Title 18 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 255 of the public laws of 1965 and by chapter 369 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

The jury may give such damages as they shall deem a fair and just compensation with reference to the pecuniary injuries resulting from such death to the persons for whose benefit such action is brought, and in addition thereto, shall give such damages as will compensate the estate of such deceased person for reasonable expenses of medical, surgical and hospital care and treatment and for reasonable funeral expenses, and in addition thereto, where the deceased was a minor child at the time of the injury which resulted in death, damages ~~not exceeding \$5,000~~ may be recovered on behalf of the parents **or person or persons having legal custody** of said deceased minor for the loss of comfort, society and companionship of said minor, provided such action shall be commenced within 2 years after the death of such person.