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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 898

House of Representatives, March 4, 1969

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dyar of Strong.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Civil Action for Negligent Misstatements.

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

R. S., T. 14, § 161, additional. Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 161, to read as follows:

§ 161. Mercantile agencies; qualified privilege

In any civil action for defamation or negligent misstatement, any individual, partnership, company or corporation, which, for remuneration, furnishes to anyone information concerning the credit standing, finances, background, morals or any personal data of any individual, partnership, company or corporation shall not be entitled to assert the defense of qualified or conditional privilege.