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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk Presented by Mr. Ouellette of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Support of Children by Parent Who Does Not Have Custody.

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

R. S., T. 19, § 303, additional. Title 19 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 303, to read as follows:

§ 303. Support of child by parent not having custody

A parent who does not have custody of his children shall not be required to contribute to the support of a child after it reaches his majority, gets married, joins the armed services, or becomes selfsupporting.

The divorce decree shall indicate the amount of support awarded for each child.

This support should be automatically reduced as each child reaches his majority, gets married, joins the armed services or becomes selfsupporting without further court action.

If an action is brought by the parent having custody for an increase in child support after the divorce proceedings, each party to the action will be required to pay its own legal expenses and other court costs.