

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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### **AN ACT Prohibiting Circulation of Obscene Literature and Moving Pictures among Minors.**

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

R. S., T. 17, § 2903, repealed and replaced. Section 2903 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

#### § 2903. Circulation among minor of criminal news and obscene pictures

No person may post or cause to be circulated or posted in any conspicuous or public place any magazine, picture, handbill or poster containing obscene, indecent or immoral literature or representations; or in any manner hire, use or employ any minor to sell or give away, or in any manner distribute the same. No person, having the care, custody or control of any minor, shall permit such minor to sell or give away or in any manner distribute any book, magazine, pamphlet or newspaper as described in this section.

No person may, with knowledge of the character and content, exhibit a motion picture, show or other presentation which in whole or part depicts nudity, such that it may be viewed by minors from public property or private property not under control of the person exhibiting such motion picture, show or other presentation.

A person who violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both. The District Court and the Superior Court shall have, by complaint, original and concurrent jurisdiction of the offenses mentioned in this section.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

It is necessary to make this law more comprehensive and include the exhibition of indecent and immoral movies.