

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 256

House of Representatives, January 23, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dow of West Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Concerning the Opening of Vital Records to Genealogists.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 2706, amended. The first paragraph of section 2706 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Custodians of certificates and records of birth, marriage and death may permit inspection of records, or issue certified copies of certificates or records, or any parts thereof, when satisfied that the applicant therefor has a direct and legitimate interest in the matter recorded, **to any member of a legally incorporated genealogical society**, the decision of the state registrar or the clerk of a municipality being subject to review by the Superior Court, under the limitations of this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.