

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A " to H. P. 911, L. D. 1032, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Irreconcilable Marital Differences as a Ground for Divorce and Mental Illness as an Impediment to Divorce."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

'Sec. 1. 19 MRSA §691, first sentence, as amended by PL 1973, c. 532, is further amended to read:

A divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed in the county where either party resides at the commencement of proceedings, for causes of adultery, impotence, extreme cruelty, utter desertion continued for 3 consecutive years next prior to the filing of the complaint, gross and confirmed habits of intoxication from the use of intoxicating liquors, opium or other drugs, cruel and abusive treatment or the marital differences are irreconcilable and the marriage has broken down or, on the complaint of ~~the-wife~~ either spouse, where the ~~husband~~ other spouse being of sufficient ability or being able to labor and provide for him or her, grossly or wantonly and cruelly refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance for him or her, provided the parties were married in this State or cohabited here after marriage, or if the plaintiff resided here when the cause of divorce accrued, or had resided here in good faith for 6 months prior to the commencement of proceedings, or if the defendant is a resident of this State.'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering sections 1 and 2 to be sections 2 and 3.

Statement of Fact

This amendment changes the statute permitting divorce on grounds of gross or wanton nonsupport to allow a divorce to either the husband or the wife for gross or wanton and cruel or neglectful nonsupport.

Filed by Mr. DeVane of Ellsworth.

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of
the Clerk of the House.
3/19/75

(Filing No. H-94)