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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 524

H. P. 417

House of Representatives, February 16, 1977

On motion of Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick, referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Kany of Waterville.

Cosponsor: Mrs. Boudreau of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Revise Certain Portions of the Statute Providing for the
Licensing of Facilities for Children and Adults.

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

22 MRSA § 8201, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 719, § 6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 8201. Definition of child placing agency

As used in this subtitle, the term "child placing agency" shall mean a facility, person, firm, corporation or business which advertises itself out as finding homes for or otherwise placing children under the age of 16. Whoever advertises himself or holds himself out as placing or finding homes for, or otherwise disposing of a child or children under 16 years of age, or whoever actually places or assists in placing a child or children under 16 years of age in homes of persons other than relatives of the child or the parents of the child, shall be deemed as engaged in or assisting in operating a child placing agency.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This legislation would restore certain provisions of statute which were mistakenly omitted when Title 22, section 3797 was repealed and Title 22, subtitle 6 was enacted. It provides that all placement of unrelated children will be conducted by agencies or persons duly licensed to operate such a program which is in the best interest of children and which offers a basic level of protection to all persons involved.