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No. 751

H. P. 606

House of Representatives, February 23, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hughes of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Providing an Exemption for Churches and Religious Institutions to the Statute Governing Dissemination of Obscene Matter to Minors.

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

17 MRSA § 2911, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 410, § 2, is amended to read:

A. This section shall not apply to any noncommercial distribution or exhibition for purely educational purposes by any library, art gallery, museum, **church or religious institution**, public school, private school or institution of learning, nor to any commercial distribution or exhibition by any art gallery or museum.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to add "church or religious institution" to the provision exempting certain institutions, such as libraries and schools, from Title 17, section 2911, dissemination of obscene matter to minors.