

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 744

House of Representatives, March 2, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Hughes of Auburn, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Limit the Use of State Funds for the Advocacy of Homosexual Practices.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 1587 is enacted to read:

§ 1587. Expenditures for advocating homosexuality

No department, agency, agent or officer of the State shall expend money under an appropriation by the Legislature for public advocacy of either homosexuality or homosexual practices. Payment of salaries shall be considered an expenditure, and if the salaried person engages in this public advocacy, payment of the salary shall be prohibited.

Any person who knowingly violates this section shall be guilty of a Class E crime.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 1751, 2nd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1967, c. 79, § 2, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

Public advocacy of either homosexuality or homosexual practices shall be evidence of the lack of good moral character.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill prohibits the expenditure of any appropriation for the advocacy of either homosexuality or homosexual practices. This would include either direct or indirect expenditures by any state department or agency, including the University of Maine. This bill also says that this advocacy is evidence of the lack of the good moral character which is required for holding a teaching certificate.