

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 347

H. P. 318

House of Representatives, January 21, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Lewis of Auburn.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Repeal Archaic Provisions Restricting the Right to Marry.**

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

19 MRSA § 31 is amended to read:

**§ 31. Marriages prohibited within certain degrees**

No man ~~shall~~ may marry his mother, grandmother, daughter, granddaughter, ~~stepmother, grandfather's wife, son's wife, grandson's wife, wife's mother, wife's grandmother, wife's daughter, wife's granddaughter~~ sister, brother's daughter, sister's daughter, father's sister or mother's sister. No woman ~~shall~~ may marry her father, grandfather, son, grandson, ~~stepfather, grandmother's husband, daughter's husband, granddaughter's husband, husband's father, husband's grandfather, husband's son, husband's grandson~~ brother, brother's son, sister's son, father's brother, or mother's brother.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill revises the law voiding certain marriages. There is no scientific reason nor legitimate justification for preventing a person from marrying someone not related to him by blood.