

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 349

H. P. 320

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.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Repeal the Law Preventing Mentally Ill People from Getting Married.

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

19 MRSA § 32 is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill repeals a section of law which states that no mentally ill or feeble minded person or idiot is capable of contracting marriage. The law is archaic in language and in its paternalistic view of who is capable of understanding the nature of the marriage contract.