

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NO. 459

H.P. 356 House of Representatives, February 20, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and  
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative FOSTER of Ellsworth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Recognize Foreign Adoption Decrees.  
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3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
4 follows:

5 19 MRSA §531, as amended by PL 1983, c. 262, §3,  
6 is further amended by adding at the end a new para-  
7 graph to read:

8 If an adoption in a foreign country has been  
9 finalized and the adopting parents are seeking an  
10 adoption under the laws of this State to give recog-  
11 nitition to the foreign adoption, a judge of probate  
12 may enter a decree of adoption based solely upon a  
13 judgment of adoption in a foreign country.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to correct problems  
3 arising when adoptive parents seek recognition of  
4 foreign adoption decrees.

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