

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 543

H.P. 409 House of Representatives, February 24, 1987  
Approved for introduction by a majority of the  
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.  
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and  
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.  
Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Amend the Marriage Prohibitions  
2 Based on Consanguinity.  
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
5 follows:

6 19 MRSA §31, as amended by PL 1985, c. 181, is  
7 further amended to read:

8 §31. Marriages prohibited within certain degrees

9 No man may marry his mother, grandmother, daugh-  
10 ter, granddaughter, sister, brother's daughter,  
11 sister's daughter, father's sister, mother's sister,  
12 the daughter of his father's brother or sister or the  
13 daughter of his mother's brother or sister. No woman  
14 may marry her father, grandfather, son, grandson,

1 brother, brother's son, sister's son, father's brother,  
2 er, mother's brother, the son of her father's brother  
3 or sister or the son of her mother's brother or sister.  
4 A man may marry the daughter of his father's  
5 brother or sister or the daughter of his mother's  
6 brother or sister, and a woman may marry the son of  
7 her father's brother or sister or the son of her  
8 mother's brother or sister, if, after notice and  
9 hearing, a Probate Court or District Court finds that  
10 it is medically certain that no children could be  
11 born of that marriage.

12 STATEMENT OF FACT

13 This bill amends the recently enacted prohibition  
14 on marriage between cousins, to allow such a marriage  
15 when children could not be born of the couple.

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