

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 765

H.P. 567 House of Representatives, March 13, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative McHENRY of Madawaska.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Concerning Support in Cases of
Unmarried Persons.

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

19 MRSA §122-A is enacted to read:

§122-A. Cohabitation

Notwithstanding the requirements of subchapter
III and section 121 and the provisions of section
122, persons who are not legally married, but who re-
side or resided in this State during the course of a
relationship in which they lived together as if they
were husband and wife for a period of one year or
more, shall be considered married for purposes of the
law.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill permits persons who live together as husband and wife, without a ceremonial marriage, for a period of one year or more to be considered married. In this way, the persons will be subject to the domestic relations, probate and other laws applicable to married persons.

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