

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### **An Act to Make Adultery Illegal.**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative KASPRZAK of Newport.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DUPREY of Hampden, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §558** is enacted to read:

6 **§558. Adultery**

8 1. A person is guilty of adultery if the person engages in a sexual act with a person who is not the actor's spouse and:

10 A. The actor is married; or

12 B. The actor is not married and knows that the other person involved in the act is married.

14 2. Adultery is a Class D crime.

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18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill makes adultery a Class D crime. Adultery is  
22 defined as engaging in a sexual act with a person not the actor's spouse when either the actor is married, or the actor is not married and knows the other person is married.