

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty - Third Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 155.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
EIGHTY-SEVEN.

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AN ACT to amend sections seventeen and twenty-four of chapter one hundred and eighteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Punishment for Rape.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section seventeen of chapter one hundred and  
2 eighteen of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended  
3 by striking out the word "ten" in the first and third  
4 lines thereof, and inserting in place thereof the word  
5 'fourteen' so that said section as amended shall  
6 read as follows:

'SECT. 17. Whoever ravishes, and carnally  
8 knows, any female of fourteen or more years of

9 age by force and against her will, or unlawfully  
10 and carnally knows and abuses a female child  
11 under fourteen years of age, shall be punished by  
12 imprisonment for life, or for any term of years.

Section twenty-four of chapter one hundred and  
2 eighteen is hereby amended by striking out the  
3 word "ten" in the first and fourth lines thereof,  
4 and inserting in place thereof the word 'fourteen,'  
5 so that said section as amended shall read as fol-  
6 lows:

'SECT. 24. Whoever assaults a female of four-  
8 teen years of age or more, with intent to commit a  
9 rape, shall be punished by imprisonment not ex-  
10 ceeding ten years, or by fine not exceeding five  
11 hundred dollars. If such assault is made on a  
12 female under fourteen years, such imprisonment  
13 shall not be for less than one year, nor more than  
14 twenty years.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 22, 1887. }

Reported from Committee on Legal Affairs by Mr. LOONEY of Portland; ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, Clerk.