

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 324

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVEN.

AN ACT to promote public knowledge of the law relating to the solemnizing of marriages.

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

Section I. All certificates of record of intentions of mar-2 riage, issued by the clerks of cities, towns or plantations, shall 3 have conspicuously printed thereon the following words: 4 The laws of Maine provide for a fine not exceeding one thou-5 sand dollars or imprisonment not exceeding five years to be 6 the punishment of any clergyman or other person, who shall 7 solemnize a marriage within this state unless commissioned 8 or authorized by the governor of Maine to solemnize mar-9 riages.

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Sect. 2. Following the printing of the words required in 2 section I said certificate shall contain the blank form for 3 the return to the clerk of the city, town or plantation, which 4 blank shall contain a space prepared for the entry of the date 5 of the commission from the governor of Maine to the person 6 solemnizing such marriage.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of Jan-2 uary in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and 3 eight. •

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 28, 1907.

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Reported by Mr. STEARNS from Committee on Legal Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

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E. M. THOMPSON, Clerk.