

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 119

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT concerning the Protection of Children, and Defining  
Certain Acts Which shall be Considered as Causing, Encouraging  
or contributing to the Delinquency of Children.

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

Section 1. It shall be considered injurious to the physical,  
2 mental or moral welfare of any child, or children within the  
3 ages defined by the statutes of this State concerning delin-  
4 quent children, to smoke or use tobacco in any form, or to  
5 use or drink alcoholic or intoxicating liquors, or to use nar-  
6 cotic drugs of any kind or description unless prescribed by a  
7 physician, or otherwise used in case of sickness; and any  
8 person selling, giving or furnishing any such child with

9 cigarettes, cigarette papers, tobacco, liquor, or narcotic drugs  
10 in any form or encouraging such child to use the same, ex-  
11 cept as otherwise provided herein, shall be deemed guilty of  
12 encouraging, causing or contributing to the delinquency of  
13 such child, and shall be punished, on conviction thereof, by  
14 a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisonment for  
15 a term not exceeding thirty days.

Sect. 2. It shall also be considered dangerous to the wel-  
2 fare of such children to give, furnish or sell to them any  
3 dangerous weapons or fire-arms, except in cases where the  
4 parents, guardians, teachers or instructors of children may  
5 furnish them with such weapons for hunting or target shoot-  
6 ing outside the limits of any incorporated town or city, or  
7 where the same may be used in any regular licensed shooting  
8 gallery, and any person violating this provision shall also  
9 be deemed guilty of causing, encouraging or contributing to  
10 the delinquency of children, and may be similarly proceeded  
11 against as under the foregoing section.

Sect. 3. This act shall not be construed to repeal any  
2 criminal law of this State forbidding the sale of tobacco,  
3 liquor, narcotic drugs or firearms to minors, or any law of  
4 this State for the protection of children or minors, or to for-  
5 bid proceedings under such acts in cases which may also  
6 come within the proceedings of this act.



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 10, 1909.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. HALL, of  
Caribou and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*