

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 649

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT conferring upon married women the right to enter
into partnership relations with her husband.

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

Section 1. Section four of Chapter sixty-three of the Re-
vised Statutes is hereby amended by adding to said section
the following: "She may become a partner with her hus-
band, or with him or others, for commercial and other busi-
ness purposes, and her separate estate shall be subject to
the partnership liabilities as if she were unmarried," so that
said section, when so amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 4. A husband married since April twenty-sixth,
eighteen hundred and fifty-two, is not liable for the debts
of his wife contracted before marriage, nor for those con-

11 tracted afterward in her own name, for any lawful purpose ;
12 nor is he liable for her torts committed after April twenty-
13 six, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, in which he takes no
14 part ; but she is liable in all such cases ; a suit may be main-
15 tained against her therefor, and her property may be at-
16 tached and taken on execution for such debts and for dam-
17 ages for such torts, as if she were sole ; but she cannot be
18 arrested. She may become a partner with her husband, or
19 with him and others, for commercial and other business
20 purposes, and her separate estate shall be subject to the
21 partnership liabilities as if she were unmarried.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 16, 1909.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*