

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 605

House of Representatives, March 20, 1917.

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Cole of Eliot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to define certain terms used in Section 58, Chapter
64, Revised Statutes, in relation to licensing children's homes
and maternity hospitals.

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

Section 1. The term "boarding house for children" as
2 used in section 58, chapter 64, Revised Statutes, shall be
3 held to mean a house or other place conducted or maintained
4 by any one who advertises himself or holds himself out as
5 conducting a boarding place for children under sixteen
6 years of age, or who receives illegitimate children under
7 sixteen years of age, or who has in his custody or control

8 three or more children under sixteen years of age unattended
9 by parents or guardians, for the purpose of providing such
10 children with food or lodging, excepting children related to
11 him by blood or marriage or who have been legally adopted
12 by him.

Sect. 2. The term "home for children" as used in said
2 section 58, shall be held to mean any children's home, or-
3 phanage, or other institution, association, organization or
4 individual engaged in receiving, caring for and finding
5 homes for orphaned, dependent and neglected children.

Sect. 3. Whoever advertises himself or holds himself out
2 as placing or finding homes for, or otherwise disposing of
3 children under sixteen years of age, or whoever within a
4 period of six months, actually places or assists in placing in
5 homes of persons other than relatives or causes or assists
6 in causing the adoption or disposal otherwise of more than
7 two children under sixteen years of age, shall be deemed
8 as engaged or assisting in conducting a business of placing
9 out or finding homes for children within the meaning of said
10 section 58.

Sect. 4. The term "maternity hospital" as used in said
2 section 58 shall be held to mean a house or other place main-
3 tained or conducted by any one who advertises himself or
4 holds himself out as having or conducting a maternity hos-
5 pital or boarding house as herein defined, or a house or any
6 other place in which any person receives, cares for or treats,
7 within a period of six months, more than one woman during

8 pregnancy, or during or after delivery, except women
9 related to him by blood or marriage; provided, however,
10 that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent a nurse
11 from practicing her profession in the home of the patient,
12 or in any hospital which is otherwise under the supervision
13 of the state board of charities and corrections other than a
14 maternity hospital or boarding house for children.