

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 699

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*House of Representatives, March 27, 1917.*

*Printed under joint rules.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Amend Section One Hundred and Eight of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes of Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen relating to Teaching of the Principles of Kindness Toward Birds and Animals in the Public Schools.

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

Section one hundred and eight of chapter sixteen of the  
2 Revised Statutes of nineteen hundred and sixteen, is hereby  
3 amended by striking out all of said section after the word  
4 "than" in the fourteenth line thereof, and inserting in place  
5 thereof the words 'one half hour of each week of the school  
6 term, to teaching to the children under their charge, in cor-  
7 relation with other studies of the school curriculum, the great

8 principles of humanity as illustrated by kindness to birds and  
9 animals and regard for all factors which contribute to the  
10 well being of man,' so that said section shall read as follows:

    'The presidents, professors and tutors of colleges, the pre-  
2 ceptors and teachers of academies, and all other instructors  
3 of youth, in public or private institutions, shall use their best  
4 endeavors to impress on the minds of the children and youth  
5 committed to their care and instruction the principles of  
6 morality and justice, and a sacred regard for truth; love of  
7 country, humanity and a universal benevolence; sobriety, in-  
8 dustry and frugality; chastity, moderation and temperance;  
9 and all other virtues which ornament human society; and to  
10 lead those under their care, as their ages and capacities ad-  
11 mit, into a particular understanding of the tendency of such  
12 virtues to preserve and perfect a republican constitution, se-  
13 cure the blessings of liberty, and to promote their future hap-  
14 piness; and the tendency of the opposite vices, to slavery,  
15 degradation and ruin; all teachers in the public schools of the  
16 state shall devote not less than one half hour of each week  
17 of the school term, to teaching to the children under their  
18 charge, in correlation with other studies of the school curri-  
19 culum, the great principles of humanity as illustrated by kind-  
20 ness to birds and animals and regard for all factors which  
21 contribute to the well being of man.'