

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 39

House of Representatives, Jan. 28, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Public Health and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Williams of Bar Harbor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT relative to Syphilis.

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

Section 1. No person having syphilis shall marry until he
2 has a certificate from the attending physician or physicians
3 that he is cured of syphilis.

Sect. 2. Every physician shall keep a record of all cases
2 of syphilis that come under his observation and care and shall
3 use reasonable means to ascertain the intentions of syphilitic
4 patients as to marriage. The physician shall warn said
5 patients of the legal, moral and physical evils of marriage
6 contracted by them. If the physician learns that a patient
7 as aforesaid has filed intentions of marriage as required by

8 law, or if the physician believes that the patient as aforesaid
9 intends to marry, the physician shall notify the Local Muni-
10 cipal Authorities who are hereby empowered to notify the
11 other party to the intended marriage.

Sect. 3. Any person failing to comply with the provisions
2 of sections one and two and any physician making a certifi-
3 cate as aforesaid falsely shall be punished by imprisonment
4 for not less than ten or more than sixty days or by a fine
5 of not more than one hundred dollars, or both. Municipal
6 and police courts and trial justices shall have jurisdiction of
7 the above concurrently with Superior and Supreme Courts.