

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 129

House of Representatives, February 17, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Tilden from Committee on State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories, and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Amend Section Sixty-seven of Chapter One Hundred and Forty-two of the Revised Statutes, Relative to Escapes from the Reformatory for Women.

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

Section sixty-seven of chapter one hundred and forty-two
2 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after
3 the word "may" in the twelfth line of said section the words
4 'whether the limit of her original sentence shall have ex-
5 pired or not', and by adding at the end of said section the
6 following: 'Any woman lawfully committed to said reform-
7 atory who escapes therefrom, or who violates the condition
8 of any permit by which she may have been allowed to be at

9 liberty under the preceding section, shall be punished by
10 imprisonment in said reformatory for not exceeding one
11 year to commence at the expiration of the term for which
12 she was originally committed. Prosecution under this sec-
13 tion may be instituted in any county in which said woman
14 may be arrested or in the county of Somerset but in such
15 case the costs and expense of trial shall be paid by the county
16 from which said woman was originally committed, and pay-
17 ment enforced as provided in section sixty-eight of this
18 chapter', so that said section as amended shall read as fol-
19 lows:

'Sect. 67. Whoever advises, induces, aids or abets any
2 woman committed to said reformatory or to the charge or
3 guardianship of said trustees to escape from the reforma-
4 tory, or from the custody of any person to whom such
5 woman has been entrusted by said trustees or by their au-
6 thority, or knowingly harbors or secretes any woman who
7 has escaped from said reformatory, or from the custody,
8 authority or control of said trustees, or from any person
9 to whom such woman has been entrusted by said trustees
10 or by their authority, or elopes with any such woman, or
11 without the consent of said trustees marries any such woman
12 during the term of her commitment, shall be fined not more
13 than five hundred, nor less than one hundred dollars, or be
14 imprisoned not exceeding one year; and any woman who
15 has so escaped may, whether the limit of her original sen-
16 tence shall have expired or not, be arrested and detained,

17 without warrant, by any officer authorized to serve criminal
18 precepts, for a reasonable time to enable the superintendent
19 or a trustee of said reformatory, or a person authorized in
20 writing by such superintendent or trustee and provided with
21 the mittimus by which such woman was committed, or a
22 certified copy thereof, to take such woman for the purpose
23 of returning her to said reformatory; but during such de-
24 tention she shall not be committed to jail, and the officer
25 arresting her shall be paid by the state a reasonable com-
26 pensation for her arrest and keeping. Any woman lawfully
27 committed to said reformatory who escapes therefrom, or
28 who violates the condition of any permit by which she may
29 have been allowed to be at liberty under the preceding sec-
30 tion, shall be punished by imprisonment in said reformatory
31 for not exceeding one year to commence at the expiration
32 of the term for which she was originally committed. Prose-
33 cution under this section may be instituted in any county
34 in which said woman may be arrested or in the county of
35 Somerset but in such case the costs and expense of trial
36 shall be paid by the county from which said woman was
37 originally committed, and payment enforced as provided in
38 section sixty-eight of this chapter.'