

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 222**

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House of Representatives, March 3, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Poore from Committee on Public Health  
and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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**AN ACT** to Prohibit Advertisements of Cures or Medicines  
Relating to Venereal Diseases and Certain Sexual Disorders.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to pub-  
2 lish or cause to be published, to deliver or distribute or  
3 cause to be delivered or distributed in any manner what-  
4 soever, or to post, or display, or to permit to be posted,  
5 displayed, or to remain on any buildings, windows, or out-  
6 houses, or premises, or other surface owned or controlled  
7 by him in this state, or to have displayed in or on any win-  
8 dow or place where the same could be read by passers-by  
9 or the public, any advertisement, label, statement, print, or  
10 writing which refers to any person or persons from whom,

11 or to any means by which, or to any office or place at which,  
12 may be obtained any treatment or cure for syphilis, gonorr-  
13 rhea, chancroid, lost manhood, sexual weakness, lost vitality,  
14 impotency, seminal emissions, gleet, varicocele, or self-abuse,  
15 whether described by such names, words, terms or phrases,  
16 or by any other names, words, terms or phrases, calculated  
17 or intended to convey to the reader the idea that any of  
18 said diseases, infirmities, disabilities, conditions or habits  
19 are meant or referred to, or which refers to any medicine,  
20 article, device, or preparation that may be used for the  
21 treatment, cure, or prevention of any of the diseases, in-  
22 firmities, disabilities, conditions or habits mentioned in this  
23 act.

Sect. 2. The word "person" as used herein, shall mean  
2 and include natural persons, co-partnerships, corporations  
3 and associations, and shall include persons of both sexes.

Sect. 3. This act shall not apply to publications, adver-  
2 tisements, or notices of the United States Government, the  
3 State of Maine, or of any city, town or plantation in said  
4 state, or of any public official, department or agency of this  
5 state, charged with the enforcement of its health laws.

Sect. 4. Any person violating any of the provisions of  
2 this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than one  
3 hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than three  
4 months or by both such fine and imprisonment.