## MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

#### **House Document**

No. 16

H. P. 36 House of Representatives, Jan. 16, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Burkett of Portland.

#### STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relative to the Bringing of Actions for Injuries

Causing Immediate Death.

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

Section ten of chapter ninety-two of the revised statutes 2 is hereby amended by striking out all of said section. and 3 substituting in place thereof the following:

'Sect. 10. Every such action shall be brought by and in 2 the names of the personal representatives of such deceased 3 person, and the amount recovered in every such action shall 4 be for the exclusive benefit of the widow or widower, if

5 no children, and of the children, if no widow or widower.

6 and if both, then for the exclusive benefit of the widow 7 or widower and the children equally, and, if neither, of his 8 or her heirs. The jury may give such damages as they shall 9 deem a fair and just compensation, not exceeding five thousand dollars, with reference to the pecuniary injuries resulting from such death to the persons for whose benefit such action is brought, provided, that such action shall be 13 commenced within two years after the death of such person.'