

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 506**

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H. P. 985                      House of Representatives, Feb. 11, 1931.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Ford of Brooklin.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to Vital Statistics.

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

Section thirty of chapter seventy-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the fourth line of said section the words "a copy of the record" and substituting in place thereof the following words: 'the original certificates'; and by inserting in the ninth line of said section after the word "registrar" the words 'and the clerks shall certify on the back of each record above described (in the form printed for that purpose) that said record has been carefully and correctly copied by him in the proper volume of vital records provided by the town for that purpose, giving the page and volume number of the record; and the towns shall furnish proper record books with numbered pages for the recording of vital statistics;' and by striking out in the seventeenth line of said section the word "copies" and substituting in place thereof the word 'reports', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 30. Town clerks required to make returns to state registrar, monthly. The clerk of every town shall keep a chronological record of all births, marriages, and deaths reported to him, or known to him, and shall, between the tenth and the fifteenth of every month, transmit to the state registrar

the original certificates of all births, marriages, and deaths which have occurred within the month next preceding, together with the names, residences, and official stations of all persons who have neglected to make returns to him in relation to the subject matters of such records, which the law required them to make, all to be made upon blanks to be prepared and furnished by the state registrar; and the clerks shall certify on the back of each record above described (in the form printed for that purpose) that said record has been carefully and correctly copied by him in the proper volume of vital records provided by the town for that purpose, giving the page and volume number of the record; and the towns shall furnish proper record books with numbered pages for the recording of vital statistics; and if no births, marriages, or deaths have occurred in the aforementioned period of time or month, for which returns are to be made, the town clerk shall send the state registrar a statement to that effect. Whenever a birth, marriage, or death, required by law to be returned to such clerk, is reported to him, or he learns of it, too late for inclusion in his returns as provided hereunder to the state registrar, he shall, after it is reported to him, or after he has knowledge of it, make due returns thereof to the state registrar forthwith. The registrar of vital statistics shall require all reports which are transmitted under the provisions of this section to be typewritten or written with black durable ink in a fair or legible hand.'