

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 632

S. P. 468

In Senate, Feb. 18, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Aldrich of Sagadahoc.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Persons Maintaining Children's Homes
to Have Licenses.

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

Section 108 of Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by omitting the word "health" from the eighth line thereof and substituting therefor the words 'public welfare', and by adding to said section the words 'whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned for not more than sixty days,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Persons maintaining children's homes to have license. R. S. c. 64, sec. 58. 1917, c. 176. 1921, c. 86. 1929, c. 53. No person, firm, corporation, or association shall conduct or maintain a boarding-house or home for three or more children under sixteen years of age, unattended by parents or guardian, excepting children related to such persons by blood or marriage, or who have been legally adopted by such persons, or engage in, or assist in conducting a business of placing out or finding homes or otherwise disposing of children under sixteen years of age, without having in full force a written license therefor from the state department of public welfare; provided, that nothing in this section shall apply to any institution, which is or shall come under the supervision of the state department of public welfare by the provisions

of chapter one hundred fifty-seven. Any licenses issued by the state board of charities and corrections, under former legislation and remaining in force shall continue in force until the expiration of the period for which they were granted unless sooner revoked by the commissioner of health for cause. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned for not more than sixty days.'