

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1180 House of Representatives, Feb. 25, 1931.

Reported by Mr. Perham from Committee on State School for Boys, State School for Girls, and State Reformatories and laid on Table to be printed under Joint Rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

New Draft of H. P. 232.

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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 the Care of Children of Women Com-  
mitted to the Reformatory for Women.

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

Section sixty-five of chapter one hundred fifty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting thereof the following to be known as section sixty-five:

'Sec. 65. Care of children committed. If any woman committed to said reformatory is, at the time of her commitment, the mother of a nursing child in her care and under one year of age, or is pregnant with child which shall be born after such commitment, such woman may retain such child in said reformatory until it shall be two years of age, when it must be removed therefrom. The board of trustees may cause such child to be placed in any asylum for children in this state and pay for the care and maintenance of such child therein until the mother of such child shall have been discharged, or may commit such child to the care and custody of some relative or proper person willing to assume such care, or such child may be committed to the custody of the state board of children's guardians under the provisions of section fifty-two of chapter

seventy-two. If such woman, at the time of such commitment, shall be the mother of and have under her exclusive care, a child more than one year of age, which might be otherwise left without proper care or guardianship, the magistrate committing such woman shall cause such child to be committed to such asylum as may be provided by law for such purposes, or to the care and custody of some relative or proper person willing to assume such care or to the custody of the state board of children's guardians. Any commitment of a child under the provisions of this section to the custody of any asylum for children or to any relative or other person, or to the state board, shall be subject to the provisions of section fifty-five of chapter seventy-two.'