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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relative to The Portland Seamen's Friend Society.

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

Section 1. The incorporation of Portland Seamen's Friend Society, which was organized in Portland, Maine, on March fourth, eighteen hundred seventy-six, under the provisions of the Statutes of Maine, is hereby ratified and affirmed, and all acts and doings of its members and officers, as a body corporate and politic, hereby are declared to be of complete and binding force and effect.

Sec. 2. The members of the Trustees of Bethel Church in Portland, incorporated under the provisions of chapter one hundred twenty-one of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred sixty-nine and the Trustees of Sailors' Home in Portland, incorporated under the provisions of chapter two hundred sixty of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred fifty-four are hereby constituted the members of said Portland Seamen's Friend Society. And all of the property, powers, franchises and privileges granted under the general laws of the State of Maine or under the authority of the respective acts incorporating either and all of said bodies and organizations or otherwise shall be held and enjoyed by the Portland Seamen's Friend Society in as full and ample a manner as the same were held and enjoyed by either and all of said original bodies corporate and organizations.

Sec. 3. All the property held by the said Portland Seamen's Friend Society, Trustees of Bethel Church in Portland and Trustees of Sailors' Home in Portland and all gifts, bequests, devises and conveyances of property heretofore made to said associations or which may hereafter be made to them which can properly and legally be administered by the Portland Seamen's Friend Society shall be held and used by said Portland Seamen's Friend Society for the purposes designated in the making of the several gifts, bequests, devises and conveyances and shall be subject to all of the conditions and limitations contained in the several gifts, bequests, devises and conveyances to the said Associations.

Sec. 4. Said Portland Seamen's Friend Society is hereby made capable in law of receiving any grants or devises of land as tenants in fee simple or for a less estate and also any donations or bequests in money or other personal estate which may have been made or which may hereafter be made by any person or persons whatever to either of said corporations or bodies by its original name or otherwise, prior to a time when this act shall take effect, and to use and improve the same for the uses and purposes of this corporation. And each of said corporations is authorized and empowered to convey and deliver all and every of its property to the said Portland Seamen's Friend Society.

Sec. 5. Said corporation is authorized to take, hold, receive and possess real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars upon a full valuation.

Sec. 6. All acts and parts of acts of incorporation or amendments thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. All of the corporations and organizations to be united shall continue their present organizations until this act shall have been accepted by each at a legal meeting. If so accepted, the first meeting of the new corporation shall be held at the office of the Bible Society of Maine in Portland on such day and at such hour as shall be designated therefor by the president of the Portland Seaman's Friend Society, a notice of which shall be given in writing by the secretary of said society at least seven days prior to the date mentioned for such meeting. At this meeting the president and treasurer of the Portland Seamen's Friend Society shall officiate as presi-

dent and secretary until a president and secretary shall be chosen in their stead, after which the said corporation may choose all other proper officers and exercise all the powers conferred upon it by law and this act.