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H. P. 617

House of Representatives, Jan. 31, 1933.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hall of Bar Harbor.

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

**R. S. c. 72, amended.** Sections 56-A and 56-B of chapter 72 are hereby amended to read as follows :

**'Sec. 56A. Persons maintaining children's homes to have licenses.** No person, firm, corporation, or association shall conduct or maintain a boarding-house or home for ~~three~~ **one** or more children under 16 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 16 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 157. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment for not more than 60 days.

**'Sec. 56B. Definition of "boarding house for children".** The term "boarding-house for children" as used in section 56 A, shall be held to mean a house or other place conducted or maintained by any one who ad-

vertises himself or holds himself out as conducting a boarding place for children under 16 years of age, or who receives illegitimate children under 16 years of age, or who has in his custody or control ~~three~~ **1** or more children under 16 years of age unattended by parents, or guardians, for the purpose of providing such children with food or lodging, excepting children related to him by blood or marriage or who have been legally adopted by him.

The term "home for children" as used in said section 56 A, shall be held to mean any children's home, orphanage, or other institution, association, organization, or individual engaged in receiving, caring for, and finding homes for orphaned, dependent, and neglected children.

Whoever advertises himself or holds himself out as placing or finding homes for, or otherwise disposing of children under 16 years of age or whoever within a period of 6 months actually places or assists in placing in homes of persons other than relatives or causes or assists in causing the adoption or disposal otherwise of ~~more than two~~ **one or more** children under 16 years of age, shall be deemed as engaged or assisting in conducting a business of placing out or finding homes for children within the meaning of said section 56 A.'