

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 61

H. P. 199

House of Representatives, January 17, 1935.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs, sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sawyer of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Inflict Corporal Punishment upon Husbands Found Guilty of
Assault upon Their Wives.**

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

R. S., c. 129, additional. Chapter 129 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section to be numbered section 27-A and to read as follows:

'Sec. 27-A. Assault by husband upon wife; penalty. Any person who shall hereafter brutally assault and beat his wife, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be sentenced to be whipped not exceeding 40 lashes, or imprisoned for a term not exceeding 1 year, or both, in the discretion of the court. If any court shall order or direct the punishment as aforesaid by whipping, the same shall be administered by the sheriff of the county where the judgment shall be rendered, and said sheriff shall administer the same within the walls of the jail of his county. In the event that there is no jail in the county where the offense is committed, said punishment shall be administered in the jail, in which the prisoners from said county are usually confined.'