

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 169

H. P. 590

House of Representatives, January 29, 1935.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sleeper, Jr. of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Abortion.

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

R. S., c. 135, § 9, amended. Section 9 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 9. Procuring or attempting to procure abortion, or miscarriage; penalties. Whoever administers to any woman pregnant with child, whether such child is quick or not, any medicine, drug, or other substance, or uses any instrument or other means, unless the same was done as necessary for the preservation of the mother's life, shall be punished, if done with intent to destroy such child and thereby it was destroyed before birth, by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 5 years; but if done with intent to procure the miscarriage of such woman, by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and by imprisonment for less than 1 year, and any person consenting and aiding or assisting shall be liable to like punishment. ; provided, however, that anyone so consenting, aiding, or assisting, in the manner described in this section, who gives information, under oath against any party offending, under this section, and duly prosecutes him, shall be exempt from the punishment herein provided.'