

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 399

S. P. 379

In Senate, February 6, 1935.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Burns of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relative to Kidnapping.

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

R. S., c. 129, § 18, amended. Section 18 of chapter 129 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 18. Kidnapping; penalty; jurisdiction; consent. Whoever unlawfully confines or imprisons another or forcibly transports or carries him out of the state, or from place to place within it, or so seizes, conveys, inveigles, or kidnaps any person, ~~with intent to cause him to be so dealt with;~~ by any means whatever and holds him for ransom or reward, ~~or sells as a slave, or transfers, for any term of time, the service of any person of color, who has been so seized, inveigled, or kidnaped,~~ shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, ~~or by imprisonment for not more than twenty years by imprisonment for life.~~ **Provided further,** that if 2 or more persons enter into an agreement, confederation or conspiracy to violate the provisions of this section and do any overt act toward carrying out such unlawful agreement, confederation or conspiracy, such person or persons shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for such term of years as the court in its discretion shall determine. Indictments for these offenses may be found and tried in the county where

such person was carried or brought, or in the county where the offense was committed; and on trial the consent of such person shall not be a defense, unless it appears that it was not obtained by fraud, threats, or duress.'