

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 181

In Senate, February 3, 1937.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Marden of Kennebec.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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### AN ACT Relating to Bastard Children and Their Maintenance.

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

**R. S., c. 111, § 7, amended.** Section 7 of chapter 111 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 7. Proceedings after verdict.** If, on such issue, the jury finds the respondent not guilty he shall be discharged; but if they find him guilty, or the facts in the declaration filed are admitted by default or on demurrer, he shall be adjudged the father of said child; stand charged with its maintenance, with the assistance of the mother, as the court orders; and shall be ordered to pay the complainant her costs of suit and for the expense of her delivery, and of her nursing, medicine, and medical attendance, during the period of her sickness and convalescence, and of the support of such child to the date of rendition of judgment, **and in case such child is stillborn or dies prior to the date of rendition of judgment he shall also be ordered to pay reasonable burial expense;** and shall give a bond, with sufficient sureties approved by the court, or by the clerk of said court in term time, or in vacation, to the complainant to perform said order, and a bond, with sufficient sureties so approved, to the town liable for the maintenance of such child, and be committed until he gives them. The latter bond shall be deposited with the clerk of the court for the use

of such town. If the respondent does not comply with that part of the order relative to payment of expenses and costs of suit, execution may issue therefor as in actions of tort.'