

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

E I G H T Y - N I N T H L E G I S L A T U R E

Legislative Document

No. 89

H. P. 282

House of Representatives, January 24, 1939.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Weatherbee of Lincoln.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Responsibility for Injuries by Drunken Persons.

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

R. S., c. 137, § 19, amended. Section 19 of chapter 137 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 19. Responsibility for injuries by drunken persons. Every wife, child, parent, guardian, husband, or other person who is injured in person, property, means of support, or otherwise, by any intoxicated person, or by reason of the intoxication of any person, has a right of action in his own name against any one who by selling or giving any intoxicating liquors, or otherwise, **in violation of law**, has caused or contributed to the intoxication of such person; and in such action the plaintiff may recover both actual and exemplary damages. The owner, lessee, or person renting or leasing any building or premises, having knowledge that intoxicating liquors are sold therein **contrary to law**, is liable, severally or jointly with the person selling or giving intoxicating liquors as aforesaid. And in actions by a wife, husband, parent, or child, general reputation of such relationship is prima facie evidence thereof, and the amount recovered by a wife or child shall be her or his sole and separate property.’