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House of Representatives, February 14, 1939.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Everett of Norridgewock.

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 Children of Women Committed to Reformatory for
Women.**

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

P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 359, amended. Section 359 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby amended to read as follows :

‘Sec. 359. Care of children of women committed. If any woman committed to said reformatory is, at the time of her commitment, the mother of a nursing child in her care and under 1 year of age, or is pregnant with child which shall be born after such commitment, such woman may retain such child in said reformatory until it shall be 2 years of age, when it must be removed therefrom. The department may cause such child to be placed in any asylum for children in this state and pay for the care and maintenance of such child therein until the mother of such child shall have been discharged, or may commit such child to the care and custody of some relative or proper person willing to assume such care, or such child may be committed to the custody of the department under the provisions of section 204. If such woman, at the time of such commitment, shall be the mother of and have under her exclusive care, a child more than 1 year of age, which might be otherwise left without proper care or guardianship, the magistrate committing such woman shall cause such child to be com-

mitted to such asylum as may be provided by law for such purposes, or to the care and custody of some relative or proper person willing to assume such care or to the custody of the department. Any commitment of a child under the provisions of this section to the custody of any asylum for children or to any relative or other person, or to the department, shall be subject to the provisions of ~~section 207~~ **sections 206 and 207 of this chapter.**'