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H. P. 1601

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.

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## S T A T E   O F   M A I N E

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE

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### **AN ACT Relating to Removal of Infected Persons and Goods and Securing Infected Articles.**

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

**P. L., 1933, c. 1, §§ 135, 136, amended.** Sections 135 and 136 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 are hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 135. Process for removal or separate accommodation of infected persons.** ~~Any 2 justices of the peace~~ **Upon complaint made to any trial justice or judge of a municipal court, such trial justice or judge of a municipal court** may issue a warrant, directed to a proper officer, requiring him to remove any person infected with contagious sickness, under the direction of the local health officer of the town where he is; or to impress and take convenient houses, lodgings, nurses, attendants, and other necessaries for the accommodation, safety, and relief of the sick, **or for the protection of the public health.'**

**'Sec. 136. Process for securing infected articles.** When on application of the local health officer of a town it appears to any ~~justice of the peace~~ **trial justice or judge of a municipal court** that there is just cause to suspect that any baggage, clothing, or goods therein are infected with any malignant contagious distemper, he shall, by a warrant directed to a

proper officer, require him to impress so many men as said ~~justice~~ **trial justice or judge** thinks necessary, to secure such infected articles, and to post said men as a guard over the place where the articles are lodged, who shall prevent any persons from removing or approaching such articles, until due inquiry is made into the circumstances.'