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H. P. 1155

House of Representatives, February 4, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Mutilation or Concealment of Dead Bodies.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 129, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 129 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

'Provided, however, that any person convicted of the crime of manslaughter who shall have mutilated, concealed, or unlawfully disposed of a dead body, or attempted to mutilate, conceal, or unlawfully dispose of a dead body, shall be punished by imprisonment for any term of years.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 135, § 47, amended. Section 47 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 47. Disinterment, concealment, exposure, or abandonment of dead bodies; penalty; exceptions for physicians, surgeons, and students of anatomy. Whoever, without permission of the clerk of a town, therein wilfully digs up or removes any human body or its remains from its place of burial, or aids in so doing; knowingly receives, conceals, or disposes of the same, **or mutilates, conceals, or unlawfully disposes of,** or unnecessarily

and indecently exposes, throws away, or abandons a human body or its remains in any public place, river, stream, or elsewhere, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$3000, or by imprisonment for not less than 1 year, nor more than ~~five~~ 10 years; but any physician, surgeon, or medical student, may have in his possession or use human bodies or parts thereof lawfully obtained, for anatomical or physiological investigation and instruction.'