

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1404

House of Representatives, February 11, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 650 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Grua of Livermore Falls.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Enforcement Support Decrees.**

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

**R. S., c. 73, § 9-A, amended.** Section 9-A of chapter 73 of the revised statutes, which was created by chapter 155 of the public laws of 1937 and amended by chapter 91 of the public laws of 1939, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 9-A. Payment of alimony.** Pending a petition to enforce a decree of alimony or a decree for payment of money instead thereof **or for the support of minor children** or a decree for support pending libel, the court may order the husband **or father** to pay to the clerk of the court, or to counsel for the wife, **or mother**, sufficient money for the prosecution thereof, upon default of which order execution may issue as in actions of tort. When the husband, **or father**, is committed to jail on execution issued upon decree of alimony, or for payment of money instead thereof, **or for the support of his minor children** or for support pending libel, the county having jurisdiction of the process shall bear the expense of his support **and he may be discharged from imprisonment by payment of the execution and all costs and expenses of his commitment and support and he shall not**

be entitled to relief therefrom under the provisions of chapter 124 of the revised statutes; provided, however, that he may petition the court issuing such execution for relief, whereupon the judge of such court after due notice to the wife or mother, and hearing thereon may order his discharge from imprisonment on such terms and conditions as justice may require.'