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House of Representatives, February 21, 1941.

Reported by Mr. Briggs from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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:

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, or knowingly receives, conceals, or disposes of the same; or whoever mutilates, conceals, or unlawfully disposes of any human body or its remains, or unnecessarily and indecently exposes, throws away, or abandons a human body or its remains the same in any public place, river, stream, or elsewhere, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$3,000, 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.’