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House of Representatives, March 6, 1941.

Reported by Mr. Hinckley 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 Action of Breach of Promise to Marry, and Amending the Law Relating to Action by Married Woman for Alienation of Affections of Husband.

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

Sec. 1. Suits for breach of promise to marry, limited. No action, suit or proceeding to recover damages for breach of promise to marry shall be begun after the effective date of this act; provided, however, that actions, suits or proceedings for breach of promise to marry already begun before the effective date of this act may be maintained and prosecuted to final judgment.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 74, § 7, amended. Section 7 of chapter 74 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 7. Action by married woman for alienation of affections of husband. Whoever, being a female person more than 18 years of age, debauches and carnally knows, carries on criminal conversation with, alienates the affections of, the husband of any married woman, or by any arts, enticements, and inducements deprives any married woman of the aid, comfort, and society of her husband, **or, whoever, being a male person, alienates**

the affections of the husband of any married woman, or by any arts, enticements and inducements, deprives any married woman of the aid, comfort and society of her husband, shall be liable in damages to said married woman in an action on the case brought by her within 3 years after the discovery of such offense.'