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S. P. No. 509

In Senate, March 21, 1941.

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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

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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 Preservation of the Records of the Department of  
Health and Welfare.**

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

**P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 8, amended.** Section 8 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

**‘The department shall make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the custody, use and preservation of the records, papers, files and communications of the department, and especially those which pertain to the granting of public assistance. The use of such records, papers, files and communications by any other agency or department of government to which they may be furnished shall be limited to the purposes for which they are furnished and by the provisions of the law under which they may be furnished. It shall be unlawful for any person, except for purposes directly connected with the administration of public assistance and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the department, to solicit, disclose, receive, make use of, or authorize, knowingly permit, participate in, or acquiesce in the use of, any list of or names of, or any information concerning, persons applying for or receiving such assistance, directly or indirectly derived from the records, papers, files, or communications of the state or subdivisions or agencies thereof, or acquired in the course of the**

performance of official duties. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'