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House of Representatives, April 11, 1941.

Reported by Mr. Mills 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 the Adoption of Children.

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

R. S., c. 80, § 36, amended. Section 36 of chapter 80 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

'The parents or surviving parent of such child, or the mother if such child be illegitimate, with the consent of the judge of probate of the county in which such parent or parents reside or may be, and after a determination by such judge of probate that a surrender and release is for the best interest of all parties, may surrender and release all parental rights in and to such child and the custody and control thereof to an incorporated and licensed society, asylum, or home, of which such child may be an inmate or ward, or to the state department of health and welfare, for the purpose of enabling such incorporated society, asylum, or home, or state department of health and welfare to have such child adopted by some suitable person, and its name changed when a change is desirable, and the child made an heir-at-law under the provisions of this chapter. The effect of this surrender and release shall be fully explained by the judge of probate to the parent or parents executing the same. The aforementioned surrender and release approved as aforesaid shall be filed with the petition for adoption of said child in the probate court.'