

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 137**

H. P. 183

House of Representatives, January 27, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Clough of Bangor.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Vital Statistics; Birth Certificates of Foundlings.**

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

**P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 68-A, additional.** Chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby amended by adding thereto a section to be numbered section 68-A, and to read as follows :

**'Sec. 68-A. Birth certificates of foundlings; foundling report. Who-**  
**ever assumes the custody of a child of unknown parentage shall immedi-**  
**ately report to the local town or city clerk in writing: (a) the date and**  
**place of finding or assumption of custody; (b) sex; color or race; and**  
**approximate age of child; (c) name and address of the person or institu-**  
**tion with whom the child has been placed for care, and (d) name given to**  
**the child by the finder or custodian. The place where the child was found**  
**or custody assumed shall be known as the place of birth and the date of**  
**birth shall be determined by approximation. The report shall constitute**  
**the certificate of birth. If the child is identified and a regular certificate of**  
**birth is found or obtained, the certificate issued under the foregoing pro-**  
**cedure shall be null and void.'**