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In Senate, February 10, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Sanborn of Cumberland by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Offenses Against the Person.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 129, § 16, amended. Section 16 of chapter 129 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

'Sec. 16. Rape, definition; penalty. Whoever ravishes, and carnally knows, any female of 14 or more years of age, by force and against her will, or unlawfully and carnally knows and abuses a female child under 14 years of age, shall be punished by imprisonment for ~~any term of~~ not less than 10 years.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 129, § 23, amended. Section 23 of chapter 129 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

'Sec. 23. Assault with intent to commit rape. Whoever assaults a female of ~~fourteen years of age or more,~~ with intent to commit a rape, shall be punished by a fine of ~~not more than five hundred dollars,~~ or by imprisonment for ~~not more than ten years.~~ If such assault is made on a female under fourteen years, such imprisonment shall be for ~~not less than one year nor more than twenty years~~ by imprisonment for not less than 5 years.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 129, § 31, amended. Section 31 of chapter 129 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 31. Protection of girls between the ages of 14 and 16; penalty. Whoever, being more than ~~eighteen~~ 21 years of age, has carnal knowledge of the body of any female child, between the ages of 14 and 16 years, shall be punished ~~by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or~~ by imprisonment for not ~~more~~ less than 2 years. The provisions of this section shall not apply to cases of rape as defined in section 16 of this chapter.'