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Legislative Document

No. 126

H. P. 361

House of Representatives, January 25, 1945.

Referred to Committee on Welfare. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Thorndike of Bar Harbor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Licensing Boarding Homes for Children.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 243, amended. Section 243 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

‘Sec. 243. Persons maintaining children’s homes to have license. No person, firm, corporation, or association shall conduct or maintain a boarding-house or home for one or more children under 16 years of age, unattended by parents or guardian, excepting children related to such persons by blood or marriage, or who have been legally adopted by such persons, or engage in, or assist in conducting a business of placing out or finding homes or otherwise disposing of children under 16 years of age, without having in full force, **subject to the rules and regulations of the department,** a written license therefor from the department; ~~provided that nothing in this section shall apply to any institution, which is or shall come under the supervision of the department of institutional service.~~ The term of such license shall be for 1 year and the department may revoke such license at any time. It shall give written notice of such revocation by delivering the notice in hand to the licensee. If the licensee cannot be reached for personal service the notice may be left at the licensed premises. Whoever

violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 60 days.'