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S. P. 117

In Senate, January 31, 1945.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Owen of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

**AN ACT To Promote Proper Recording and Education Concerning Vital
Statistics.**

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

R. S., c. 37, §§ 61-A - 61-D, additional. Chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 4 new sections to be numbered 61-A to 61-D, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Sec. 61-A. Birth certificate to be filed with teacher upon first enrollment of pupil. On and after August 1, 1945, every child who enrolls as a pupil for the first time in any school in the state shall present within 10 days of such enrollment, to the teacher thereof, an official record of his birth or a baptismal record containing like information. The state registrar shall, upon request of parents or guardians of such children, furnish copies of such records as may be on file at his office, without charge.'

'Sec. 61-B. Duties of parents, teachers and superintendents. It shall be the duty of parents or guardians of such children to see that the children are provided with the records required in sections 61-A to 61-D, inclusive. Teachers shall list with the superintendent of schools having jurisdiction, the names of all children who have not presented a certificate of birth or baptism within the 10 days specified above. The said superintendent there-

upon shall send a complete list of all such delinquent persons to the state registrar of vital statistics at Augusta, giving names of children and names and addresses of parents or guardians so delinquent.'

'Sec. 61-C. Penalty. Any parent or guardian who refuses or unreasonably neglects to comply with the provisions of sections 61-A to 61-D, inclusive, shall on complaint and conviction thereof be subject to a fine of not more than \$5 for each offense.'

'Sec. 61-D. Duties of state registrar of vital statistics. Whenever the registrar of vital statistics has cause to believe that any penalty or forfeiture has been incurred by reason of refusal or unreasonable neglect to comply with the provisions of sections 61-A to 61-D, inclusive, it shall be his duty to make complaint covering the circumstances to the nearest municipal court having jurisdiction.'