

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 9, 1945.

Reported by Mr. Thorndike from Committee on Welfare and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to Licensing Boarding Homes for Children.

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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.~~ No such license shall be issued until the applicant has furnished the department with a written statement from the local fire department which indicates that the home is not a fire hazard and that in and around such building there is no explosive, combustible, or inflammable matter or other conditions dangerous to the safety of such building and to the safety of the

public. Homes licensed under the provisions of this section shall not be required to have a license under any other provision of this chapter. The term of such license shall be for 1 year and the department may revoke such license at any time for failure to comply with the provisions of this section or the rules and regulations pertaining thereto. 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~~ 11 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'