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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 Requiring School Employees to File Health Certificates.**

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

**R. S., c. 37, § 50-A, additional.** Chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 50-A, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 50-A. School employees to file health certificate with superintending school committee; penalty.** No person who comes in direct contact with the students of any public school shall enter upon his duties as a school employee until he shall have filed with the superintending school committee a certificate from a licensed and practicing physician of the state, certifying that such person has been examined in accordance with such tests as may have been prescribed by the commissioner of education and approved by the state director of health and that such person is free from all communicable and infectious diseases. The cost of such examination shall be borne by the state department of education.

Any physician, upon making the above examination and finding a person infected with a communicable or infectious disease, shall immediately report the same by name and address, except that venereal diseases should be reported in the manner set forth in section 90 of chapter 22 to the state bureau of health.

A similar certificate shall be filed by such school employee at the commencement of each school year thereafter, if he then continues as a school employee, or if not so continuing, then immediately prior to a subsequent entering upon the duties of a school employee.

Such certificate shall be filed with the superintending school committee and there kept as a record and shall be available to inspection at all reasonable times.

If such school employee fails to file such certificate as aforesaid, or files one which is false, the salary or compensation which he would receive shall not be paid for the period of such failure.'