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House of Representatives, February 13, 1947.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Weeks of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Marriage and Divorce.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 153, §§ 70-73, additional. Chapter 153 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 5 new sections to be numbered 70 to 73, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Sec. 70. No decree of divorce to become final until expiration of 1 year. No decree of divorce granted by any court in this state in favor of the libellant, shall become final until the expiration of 1 year from the date of filing of said decree. Any such decree may, for good cause, be set aside and vacated by the court, in term time or in vacation, before said decree becomes final.

Sec. 71. Neither party to marry until decree becomes final. Neither party, in any cause in which a decree of divorce is filed in favor of the libellant, may remarry until after said decree becomes final.

Sec. 72. Parties divorced in another state may not remarry until expiration of 1 year. Neither party, in any cause in which a decree of divorce is granted by any court or other tribunal in any other state of the United States or in any of its possessions or in any foreign country, may remarry

in this state until after the expiration of 1 year from the date that the decree granting said divorce, becomes final.

Sec. 73. Penalty. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'

Sec. 2. Inconsistent acts repealed. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of the preceding sections are hereby repealed.