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In Senate, February 19, 1947.

Transmitted by revisor of statutes pursuant to joint order.

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Welch of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Relating to Instruction in Scientific Alcohol Education in the
Public Schools.**

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

R. S., c. 37, §§ 32-E - 32-H, additional. Chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 4 new sections to be numbered 32-E to 32-H, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Sec. 32-E. Scientific alcohol education and its relations to physiological and sociological problems of our day shall be taught in the public schools. Instruction shall be given in every elementary and secondary school in the state in scientific alcohol education and its relationship to public health and safety.

Sec. 32-F. Rules and regulations to be adopted; brochures to be issued. It shall be the duty of the commissioner to adopt such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary and proper to secure instruction in scientific alcohol education and its relationship to public health and safety in the elementary and secondary schools of this state, in accordance with the provisions of sections 32-E to 32-H, inclusive, and to compile or cause to

be compiled and printed a brochure in scientific alcohol educational studies, subject to the approval of the department of health and welfare, primarily devoted to the avoidance of hazards incident to the use of various types of intoxicating liquors, as well as to point out health standards and efficiency of the body and mind. These brochures or similar manuals shall be, for appropriate teaching methods for given age levels, distributed to teachers in the public elementary and secondary schools of this state by the department of education for general use among students.

Sec. 32-G. Course in scientific alcohol education for teachers. The state department of education, in collaboration with the department of health and welfare, for the purpose of standardizing the courses of instruction offered in the state normal schools and teachers' colleges, shall prepare a course in techniques of teaching scientific alcohol education to the various age levels and shall make the completion of such a course a requirement for graduation.

Sec. 32-H. Duty of commissioner and other school officials. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of education to make arrangements for carrying out the provisions of sections 32-E to 32-H, inclusive, and it shall be the duty of the superintendent of schools of every city and town and of every board of education, board of trustees or municipal school board to require that instruction in scientific alcohol education be given in the schools under their jurisdiction or control as herein provided.