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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Relating to Convictions Affecting Credibility and Constituting
Criminal Records.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 100, § 128, amended. Section 128 of chapter 100 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 128. Conviction affects credibility only. No person is incompetent to testify in any court or legal proceeding in consequence of having been convicted of an offense; but ~~such~~ **conviction of a felony, any larceny or any other crime involving moral turpitude** may be shown to affect his credibility.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 79, § 124, amended. Section 124 of chapter 79 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

'Convictions for violation of the fish and game laws or motor vehicle traffic laws or municipal ordinances, where the fine imposed does not exceed \$50, shall not be deemed to constitute a criminal record against any person so convicted; but the provisions of this section shall not exempt any court or trial justice from filing court abstracts as now required by law.'