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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1467**

S. P. 543

In Senate, April 25, 1947

Reported by Senator Williams of Penobscot from the Committee on Welfare and printed under Joint Rules No. 10.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Adoption of Neglected Children.**

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

**R. S., c. 22, amended.** Chapter 22 of the revised statutes hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered section 239-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 239-A. Provisions for the adoption of children committed to the state. The department of health and welfare shall be diligent in seeking opportunities to have children who have been committed to its custody placed with the proper persons for adoption. No child shall be placed for adoption for a period of 6 months next following commitment. During said period of 6 months, or longer if deemed advisable, the department shall note the physical and mental condition of the child. At the end of said period if it appears to the department that the physical and mental condition of the child is normal, the department may place said child for adoption with any of the classes of persons described in section 35 of chapter 145. The department shall not give its consent to the adoption of a child until said child has been for 1 year in the home of the person or persons desirous of adopting said child.'