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In Senate, February 17, 1949

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Slocum of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Lawful Use of Force.

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

R. S., c. 117, § 21-A, additional. Chapter 117 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 21-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 21-A. Force or violence, when lawful. The use, attempt or offer to use force or violence upon or toward the person of another shall not be unlawful when used in a reasonable and moderate manner by a parent or his authorized agent, a guardian, master or teacher, in the exercise of lawful authority to restrain or correct his child, ward, apprentice or scholar.'