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House of Representatives, February 14, 1951.

Referred to the Committee on Welfare, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Inspection of Children's Homes.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 243, amended. Section 243 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 243. Persons maintaining children's homes to have license. No person, firm, corporation or association shall conduct or maintain a boarding-house or home for one or more children under 16 years of age, unattended by parents or guardian, excepting children related to such persons by blood or marriage, or who have been legally adopted by such persons, or engage in, or assist in conducting a business of placing out or finding homes or otherwise disposing of children under 16 years of age, without having in full force, subject to the rules and regulations of the department, a written license therefor from the department. No such license shall be issued until the applicant has furnished the department with a written statement signed by one of the officials designated in section 19 of chapter 85 of the revised statutes of 1944 that the home and premises comply with said section 19; or a written statement signed by one of the officials designated in section 22 of chapter 85 of the revised

statutes of 1944 that the home and premises comply with said section 22, or the insurance commissioner shall, if requested, direct such inspection to be made in accordance with section 21 of chapter 85 home has been inspected and approved by the insurance commissioner. Said ~~written statement~~ inspection and approval to be furnished annually thereafter, in those cases where the home is licensed to board more than 2 children. The term of such license shall be for 1 year and the department may revoke such license at any time for failure to comply with the provisions of this section or the rules and regulations pertaining thereto. It shall give written notice of such revocation by delivering the notice in hand to the licensee. If the licensee cannot be reached for personal service the notice may be left at the licensed premises. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'