

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 334

House of Representatives, February 4, 1953

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Lord of Portland

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Penalty for Selling Narcotic Drugs to Minors.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 125, § 12, amended.** Section 12 of chapter 125 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘**Sec. 12. Selling or giving intoxicating liquor to any child under 16 years.** Whoever sells or gives to any child under the age of 16 years, or furnishes any such child with intoxicating liquor ~~or narcotic drugs in any form~~ or encourages such child to use the same, unless prescribed by a physician or otherwise used in case of sickness, shall be deemed guilty of encouraging, causing or contributing to the delinquency or distress of such child and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 60 days.’

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 125, § 12-A, additional.** Chapter 125 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 12-A, to read as follows:

‘**Section 12-A. Selling narcotic drugs to children.** Whoever sells, gives, administers or dispenses or conspires to sell, give, administer or dispense any substance defined as a narcotic drug under laws of this state, except

as authorized by law, to any person under the age of 16, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 20 years, and in addition by a fine of not more than \$1,000.'