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**Legislative Document**

**No. 965**

S. P. 354

In Senate February 19, 1953.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Reid of Kennebec.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Defining the Practice of Law.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 93, § 2, amended.** Section 2 of chapter 93 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph, to read as follows:

‘For the purposes of this chapter, “practice of law” and “practice law” shall include, but shall not be limited to, engaging for a valuable consideration in the business of advising persons, firms, associations or corporations, as to their rights under the law, or appearing in a representative capacity as an advocate in proceedings pending or prospective, before any court, commissioner, referee, board, body or commission constituted by law or authorized to settle controversies, and there, in such representative capacity performing any act or acts for the purpose of obtaining or defending the rights of their clients under the law.’

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 93, § 7, amended.** The 1st and 2nd sentences of section 7 of chapter 93 of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows: ‘Unless duly admitted to the bar of this state, no person shall practice law, or any branch thereof, or hold himself out to practice law,

or any branch thereof, within the state or before any court, **commissioner, referee, board, body or commission constituted by law or authorized to settle controversies** therein, or demand or receive any remuneration for such services rendered in this state. Whoever not being duly admitted to the bar of this state shall practice law, or any branch thereof, or hold himself out to practice law, or any branch thereof, within the state or before any court, **commissioner, referee, board, body or commission constituted by law or authorized to settle controversies** therein, or demand or receive any remuneration for such services rendered in this state, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'