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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
96th LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 401, L. D. 1118, Bill, "An Act Requiring Children to Care for Parents According to Ability."

Amend said bill by adding at the beginning of the first sentence the underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said bill by adding after the first paragraph the following underlined paragraph: 'Provided, however, that if, on petition by a child to the superior court in the county where such parent or parents reside, alleging that such parent or parents have forfeited his or their right to the support of petitioner by abandonment or gross abuse of petitioner during the period when such parent or parents were legally responsible for petitioner's support, at a hearing on said petition held after personal notice to the parent or parents and to the overseers of the poor of the town of residence of the parent or parents, the petitioner shall offer clear and convincing evidence as to the truth of the facts alleged, the judge may rule that such parent or parents have forfeited their right to support from the petitioner and the petitioner shall not thereafter be charged with the support of such parent or parents.'

Further amend said bill by striking out the underlined word "preceding" in the 5th line of said bill and inserting in place thereof the underlined word '1st'

Further amend said bill by adding at the end thereof a new section as follows: "Sec. 2, R. S. c. 82, §20, amended. The first sentence of section 20 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows: 'The father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, children, the grandchildren, by consanguinity, living within the state and of sufficient ability, shall support persons chargeable, in proportion to their respective ability unless excused under the provisions of section 22 of chapter 153.'"

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.

Read and adopted in the Senate April 28, 1953.

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