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House of Representatives, January 13, 1955.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brewster of Wells.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Prohibiting Subversive Activity.

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

R. S., c. 143, § 4, repealed and replaced. Section 4 of chapter 143 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘Sec. 4. **Advocating or aiding in overthrow of government by force or violence. It shall be unlawful for any person to advocate by word or writing the reformation, or to overthrow by violence or unlawful means, the representative form of government now secured to the citizens of the United States, and the several states, by the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitutions of the several states.**

It shall be unlawful to join any organization, or to voluntarily assemble with any group, advocating, justifying or teaching subversive doctrines, directly or indirectly associated with Communist, Fascist, Nazi or any other un-American principles.

It shall be unlawful to engage in activities, or propaganda designed to teach, and advocate subservience to the political principles and ideals of foreign nations, or to overthrow by violence or persuasion the established constitutional form of government of the United States and the State of Maine.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment.’