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NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 832 House of Representatives, February 23, 1955. Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Use of Photostatic Reproductions.

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

R. S., c. 113, § 146, repealed and replaced. Section 146 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 146. Photostatic and microfilm reproductions admissible. If any business, institution, member of a profession or calling, or any department or agency of government, in the regular course of business or activity has kept or recorded any memorandum, writing, entry, print, representation or combination thereof, of any act, transaction, occurrence or event, and in the regular course of business has caused any or all of the same to be recorded, copied or reproduced by any photographic, photostatic, microfilm, micro-card, miniature photographic or other process which accurately reproduces or forms a durable medium for so reproducing the original, such reproduction, or copy, when satisfactorily identified, is as admissible in evidence as the original itself in any judicial or administrative proceeding whether the original is in existence or not and an enlargement or facsimile of such reproduction or copy is likewise admissible in evidence if the original reproduction or copy is in existence and available for inspection under direction of court. The introduction of a reproduced record, enlargement or facsimile does not preclude admission of the original. This section shall not be construed to exclude from evidence any document or copy thereof which is otherwise admissible under the rules of evidence.