

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1552**

S. P. 583

In Senate, May 17, 1955

Received by unanimous consent. Under suspension of rules, read twice and passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee. Ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Farris of Kennebec.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Aiding in Delinquency of Child Under 17.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 138, § 13-A, additional.** Chapter 138 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 13-A, to read as follows :

‘**Sec. 13-A. Aiding in delinquency of child under 17 years.** Any person who shall be found to have caused, induced, abetted, encouraged or contributed toward the waywardness or delinquency of a child under the age of 17, or to have acted in any way tending to cause or induce such waywardness or delinquency, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.’

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 138, § 14, amended.** Section 14 of chapter 138 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

‘**Sec. 14. Violation of §§ 9, 12 and 13-A.** In order to find any person guilty of violating the provisions of sections 9 ~~and~~, 12 ~~and~~ 13-A, it shall not be necessary to prove that the child is actually in delinquency or distress, provided it appears from the evidence that through any act or neglect or omission of duty or by any improper act or conduct on the part of the accused the distress or delinquency of any child may have been caused or merely encouraged.’