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S. P. 387 Referred to Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary Presented by Senator Dow of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Statements to Ministers, Priests and Rabbis as Privileged Communications.

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

R. S., c. 113, § 124-A, additional. Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 124-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 124-A. Religious confessionals. A minister of the gospel, priest or rabbi shall not be forced to testify in court, in civil or criminal proceedings, to statements made to him by a person under the sanctity of a religious confessional.'