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Legislative Document

No. 632

S. P. 249

In Senate, February 11, 1959.

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Weeks of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Distribution and Sale of Publications Depicting Crime and Torture.

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

R. S., c. 134, § 24, amended. Section 24 of chapter 134 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 321 of the public laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 24. Distribution and sale of publications depicting crime and torture. Whoever sells, rents, displays for sale, loans, gives or distributes to a ~~child under 18 years of age~~ **any person** or offers for sale to such a ~~child person~~ **or has in his possession, actual or constructive,** any pamphlet, magazine, comic book, picture, picture book ~~or film~~ which contains ~~fictional~~ illustrations of sadism, masochism, sexual perversion, bestiality or lust, or of physical torture of human beings, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 30 days or by fine of not more than \$50. ~~Under this section it shall be necessary to prove that the defendant knows of the offensive picture contained in the literature involved'~~