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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

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# STATE OF MAINE

1917

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
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## Chapter 149.

An Act to Define Certain Terms Used in Section Fifty-eight of Chapter Sixty-four, of the Revised Statutes, in Relation to Licensing Children's Homes and Maternity Hospitals.

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

**Sec. 1. Term "boarding house for children" as used in R. S., c. 64, § 58, defined.** The term "boarding house for children" as used in section fifty-eight of chapter sixty-four of the revised statutes, shall be held to mean a house or other place conducted or maintained by any one who advertises himself or holds himself out as conducting a boarding place for children under sixteen years of age, or who receives illegitimate children under sixteen years of age, or who has in his custody or control three or more children under sixteen years of age unattended by parents or guardians, for the purpose of providing such children with food or lodging, excepting children related to him by blood or marriage or who have been legally adopted by him.

**Sec. 2. Term "home for children" as used in R. S., c. 64, § 58, defined.** The term "home for children" as used in said section fifty-eight, shall be held to mean any children's home, orphanage, or other institution, association, organization or individual engaged in receiving, caring for and finding homes for orphaned, dependent and neglected children.

**Sec. 3. Homes for children; who shall be deemed to be conducting such business.** Whoever advertises himself or holds himself out as placing or finding homes for, or otherwise disposing of children under sixteen years of age, or whoever within a period of six months, actually places or assists in placing in homes of persons other than relatives or causes or assists in causing the adoption or disposal otherwise of more than two children under sixteen years of age, shall be deemed as engaged or assisting in conducting a business of placing out or finding homes for children within the meaning of said section fifty-eight.

**Sec. 4. Term "maternity hospital" as used in R. S., c. 64, § 58, defined.** The term "maternity hospital" as used in said section fifty-eight shall be held to mean a house or other place maintained or conducted by any one who advertises himself or holds himself out as having or conducting a maternity hospital or boarding house as herein defined; or a house or any other place in which any person receives, cares for or treats, within a period of six months, more than one woman during pregnancy, or during or after delivery, except women related to him by blood or marriage: Provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent a nurse from practicing her profession in the home of the patient, or in any hospital which is otherwise under the supervision of the state board of charities and corrections other than a maternity hospital or boarding house for children.