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Chapter 175.

An Act Amending Section Fourteen of Chapter Sixty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Custody of Minor Children of Divorced Parents.

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

R. S., c. 65, § 14, relating to disposition of minor children of divorced parents, amended. Section fourteen, of chapter sixty-five of the revised statutes relating to divorce is hereby amended by inserting after the word "live" and before the word "alter" in the fourth line of said section, the following words: 'or grant the care and custody of said children to a third person, or to some suitable society or institution for the care and protection of children', so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

'Sec. 14. Custody may be granted to third person or to suitable society. The court making a decree of nullity, or of divorce, or any justice thereof in vacation, may also decree concerning the care, custody and support of the minor children of the parties and with which parents any of them shall live, or grant the care and custody of said children to a third person or to some suitable society or institution for the care and protection of children, alter its decree from time to time as circumstances require ; change the name of the wife, at her request ; and in execution of the powers given it in this chapter may employ any compulsory process which it deems proper, by execution, attachment or other effectual form.'

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 176.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-eight of Chapter Sixty-four, of the Revised Statutes, Relative to the Licensing of Children's Homes and Maternity Hospitals.

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

R. S., c. 64, § 58, relating to licensing of maternity hospitals, amended. Section fifty-eight of chapter sixty-four of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out in the tenth and eleventh lines the words "on the third day of July, nineteen hundred sixteen, was" and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'is or shall come' so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

'Sec. 58. Does not apply to institutions which are or shall hereafter come under supervision of state board of charities and corrections. No person, firm, corporation or association shall conduct or maintain a maternity hospital, or conduct or maintain a boarding house or home for three or more children under sixteen years of age, unattended by parents or guardian, excepting children related to such persons by blood or marriage, or who have been legally adopted by such persons, or engage in, or assist in conducting a business of placing out or finding homes or otherwise disposing of children under sixteen years of age, without having in full