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STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Eighty-ninth Legislature

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## Chapter 214

### AN ACT Relating to Procedure in re Support of Neglected Wives and Children.

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

R. S., c. 74, § 9, amended. The 1st sentence of section 9 of chapter 74 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Whenever a man, having a wife, a minor child, or children, residing in this state, and being of sufficient ability, or being able to labor and provide for them, wilfully and without reasonable cause, refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance for them, the superior court, the probate courts, and any municipal court, in term time or any judge or justice of said courts in vacation, in the county where the wife or such minor child or children reside, on petition of the wife for herself and for such child or children, or of such child or children by their guardian, after such notice to the husband or father as it may order, and hearing, may order him to contribute to the support of his wife and such minor child or children or either of them such sums payable weekly, monthly, or quarterly, as are deemed reasonable and just, and may enforce obedience by appropriate decrees.’

Approved April 12, 1939.

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## Chapter 215

### AN ACT Relating to the Taking of Land by the State Highway Commission, and the Taking or Discontinuing of a Public Highway.

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

R. S., c. 28, § 12, amended. Section 12 of chapter 28 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 261 of the public laws of 1931, and by chapter 135 of the public laws of 1933, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 12. Commission may purchase or take lands for highways and materials; procedure; commission may vacate lands taken; governor and council authorized to sell property acquired by purchase. The commission may purchase, take over, and hold for the state as for public use such materials and land as may be necessary to lay out and establish or provide a change of location or alignment of any state or state aid highway as herein designated, or to secure materials, including clay, gravel, sand and rock, with necessary ways and access thereto, for the improvement, construction and maintenance of state and state aid highways under the pro-