

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE
REVISED STATUTES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED APRIL 17, 1857;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

THE CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE

UNITED STATES AND OF THE STATE OF MAINE:

WITH AN

APPENDIX.

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WHEELER & LYNDE.

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SEC. 6. If an unmarried man commits fornication with an unmarried woman, they shall each be punished by imprisonment not more than sixty days, and by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

CHAP. 124.
Fornication.
R. S., c. 160,
§ 10.

CONCEALMENT OF BIRTHS AND PROCURING ABORTIONS.

SEC. 7. If any woman is willingly delivered in secret of the issue of her body, which would be a bastard if born alive, and conceals the death thereof, so that it is not known whether it was born dead, or alive and was murdered, she shall be punished by imprisonment not more than three years, or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars; and she may be charged with such offence, and also with murder of such child, in the same indictment, and convicted and punished for either, according to the verdict of the jury.

Concealment
by the mother
of the birth of
illegitimate
issue, how
indicted, &c.
R. S., c. 160,
§ 11, 12.

SEC. 8. Whoever administers to any woman pregnant with child, whether such child is quick or not, any medicine, drug, or other substance, or uses any instrument or other means, unless the same were done as necessary for the preservation of the mother's life, shall be punished, if done with intent to destroy such child and thereby it was destroyed before birth, by imprisonment not more than five years, or by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars; if done with intent to procure the miscarriage of such woman, by imprisonment less than one year, and by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Punishment
for procuring
or attempting
to procure
abortion.
32 Maine, 369.
33 Maine, 48.
R. S., c. 160,
§ 13, 14.

HOUSES OF ILL-FAME.

SEC. 9. Whoever keeps a house of ill-fame, resorted to for the purpose of prostitution or lewdness, shall be punished by imprisonment less than one year, and by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars; and if after conviction he is again guilty and convicted, he shall be punished by imprisonment not less than one, nor more than three years. A person, convicted of keeping such a house, before a municipal or police court or justice of the peace, may be sentenced to the house of correction or county jail not exceeding one month. And such person shall not be allowed to keep boarders or lodgers without a license from the overseers of the poor of the town, who shall prosecute for such offence all, whom they have good reason to suspect to be guilty.

Keeping hous-
es of ill-fame.
R. S., c. 160,
§ 15.
R. S., c. 32,
§ 28.

SEC. 10. Whoever inveigles or entices any female, before reputed virtuous, to a house of ill-fame, or knowingly conceals or aids in concealing any such female so enticed, for the purpose of prostitution or lewdness, shall be punished by imprisonment not less than one nor more than ten years.

Enticing fe-
males to hous-
es of ill-fame.
R. S., c. 160,
§ 17.

SEC. 11. When any overseer of the poor, police officer, constable, parent, master, or guardian, has reason to believe that any female has been inveigled or enticed to a house of ill-fame as aforesaid, he may complain on oath to a magistrate authorized to issue warrants, and he may issue his search warrant as in other cases, to enter such house by day or night, search for

Warrants to
search for
females sup-
posed to be so
enticed.
R. S., c. 160,
§ 18.