

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Second Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 199.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE.

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AN ACT exempting Masonic, Odd Fellows, and other fraternal relief associations, from the operation of the Statutes relating to Life Insurance.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Masonic, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, 2 Knights of Honor, Royal Arcanum, Ancient 3 Order of United Workmen, and other fraternal 4 relief associations doing business upon the assess- 5 ment plan, which do not employ paid solicitors or 6 canvassers, or pay, or cause or allow to be paid, 7 commissions or fees for procuring membership 8 therein, or obtaining applications for insurance 9 upon the assessment plan, shall not be deemed 10 life insurance companies, under the laws of this

11 State. If any person receives a commission or  
12 fee, directly or indirectly, for procuring an appli-  
13 cation for membership in any organization  
14 described in this act, or for insurance therein  
15 on the assessment plan, he shall become liable  
16 to the penalty provided in section seventy-three,  
17 chapter forty-nine of the Revised Statutes, to be  
18 recovered in an action of debt, in the name and to  
19 the use of the State, to be commenced and prose-  
20 cuted by the Attorney General, on the request of  
21 the Insurance Commissioner, but the payment of  
22 officers of any such organizations, who perform  
23 the official duties usually incumbent on secretaries  
24 and treasurers, shall not be held to constitute them  
25 paid solicitors or canvassers of such organiza-  
26 tions, and nothing contained in this act shall be  
27 so construed as to prohibit said organization from  
28 authorizing any member thereof to assist in the  
29 formation of new organizations, and compensate  
30 him for such assistance.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 23. 1885. }

Presented by Mr. SPRAGUE of Monson, and ordered printed.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*