

Sixty – Third Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 207.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT authorizing the appointment of Special Insurance Brokers.

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

SECTION 1. The Insurance Commissioner of this 2 State, upon the annual payment of a fee of twenty 3 dollars may issue to citizens of this State, already 4 agents of one or more duly authorized fire insur-5 ance companies, licenses as special insurance brok-6 ers, permitting the person named therein to pro-7 cure policies of fire insurance on property in this 8 State in foreign insurance companies that are sol-9 vent and have a capital of at least one hundred 10 thousand dollars, but are not authorized to trans-

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11 act business in this State, subject to the following 12 limitations and restrictions: Said broker shall place 13 no risks with unlicensed companies that can be 14 placed with licensed companies, or the agents of 15 licensed companies in the county where the prop-16 erty is situated, and shall only procure insurance 17 under such license, after he has procured insurance 18 in companies admitted to do business in this State, 19 to the full amount which the agents of said com-20 panies in the county wherein the property is situ-21 ated, are willing to write on said property.

SECT. 2. Each person so licensed shall keep a 2 separate account of the business done under said 3 license, and on the last day of March, June, Sep-4 tember and December of each year, shall file with 5 the insurance commissioner a certified copy of the 6 account of such business for the quarter then end-7 ing, showing the exact amount of such business 8 placed for any person, firm or corporation, the 9 gross premiums charged thereon, the companies in 10 which the same is placed, the date of the policies 11 and the term thereof; and before receiving such 12 license shall execute and deliver to the Treasurer 13 of State a bond in the penal sum of two thousand 14 dollars, with such sureties as the Treasurer shall 15 approve with a condition that the licensee will 16 faithfully comply with all of the requirements of 17 this chapter, and will file with the Treasurer of 18 State, in January of each year, a sworn statement 19 of the gross premiums charged for insurance pro-20 cured or placed under such license during the year 21 ending on the thirty-first day of December next 22 preceding, and at the time of filing such statement 23 will pay into the Treasury of the State, a sum equal 24 to one per cent. of such gross premiums.

SECT. 3. Any person thus licensed, who shall 2 procure or act in procurement or negotiation of in-3 surance in any unauthorized foreign company, and 4 shall neglect to make and file his quarterly ac-5 counts, or shall wilfully make a false affidavit or 6 statement, shall forfeit his license and be punished 7 by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or by 8 imprisonment not more than sixty days, or both. 9 and whoever without such license assumes to act 10 as a special insurance broker shall incur like pun-The penalties provided in this chapter 11 ishment. 12 shall be enforced in the same manner as the pen-13 alties of Chap. 49, of the Revised Statutes as 14 amended. The insurance commissioner shall pro-15 vide the necessary blanks to carry this act into 16 effect.

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House of Representatives, March 2, 1887.

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NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, Clerk.