

Sixty-Third Legislature.

No. 243.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section four of chapter one hundred and forty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to Vagrants.

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

Section four of chapter one hundred and forty-one 2 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding 3 thereto the following words: 'and all idle and dis-4 orderly persons having no visible means of support, 5 neglecting all lawful calling or employment; and 6 all idle and disorderly persons who neglect all law-7 ful calling or employment and misspend their time 8 by frequenting disorderly houses, houses of ill-9 fame, gaming houses or tippling shops, may be

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10 committed to said house for a term not exceeding 11 six months,' so that said section, as amended, shall 12 read as follows:

'SECT. 4. A municipal or police court, or trial 2 justice in his county, on complaint under oath, may 3 commit to said house for a term not exceeding 4 thirty days, all rogues, vagabonds and idle persons 5 going about in any town in the county begging; 6 persons using any subtle craft, jugglery, or unlaw-7 ful games or plays, or for the sake of gain, pre-8 tending to have knowledge in physiognomy, pal-9 mistry, to tell destinies or fortunes, or to discover 10 lost or stolen goods; common pipers, fiddlers, run-11 aways, drunkards, night-walkers, railers, brawlers, 12 and pilferers; persons wanton or lascivious in 13 speech or behavior, or neglecting their callings or 14 employments, misspending what they earn, and not 15 providing for the support of themselves and their 16 families. And all idle and disorderly persons hav-17 ing no visible means of support, neglecting all law-18 ful calling or employment; and all idle and dis-19 orderly persons who neglect all lawful calling or 20 employment and misspend their time by frequent-21 ing disorderly houses, houses of ill-fame, gaming 22 houses, or tippling shops, may be committed to 23 said house for a term not exceeding six months.

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