

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 192

In Senate, Feb. 15, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Holt of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT to prevent public discrimination by reason of religious
creed at places of public accommodation, resort or amuse-
ment.

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

Section 1. No person, being the owner, lessee, proprietor,
2 manager, superintendent, agent or employe of any place of
3 public accommodation, resort or amusement, shall directly
4 or indirectly, by himself or another, publish, issue, circulate,
5 distribute or display, in any way, any advertisement, circu-
6 lar, folder, book, pamphlet, written or painted or printed

7 notice or sign, of any kind or description, intended to dis-
8 criminate against or actually discriminating against persons
9 of any religious sect, creed, class, denomination, or nation-
10 ality, or intended to deny, or actually denying to such per-
11 sons full enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages,
12 facilities or privileges offered to the general public by such
13 places of public accommodation, resort or amusement.

Sect. 2. The production in court of any such advertise-
2 ment, circular, folder, book or pamphlet, or evidence tending
3 to establish the fact of the display of such written or painted
4 or printed notice or sign, shall be prima facie evidence in any
5 action that such advertisement, circular, folder, book or
6 pamphlet or such written or painted or printed notice or sign
7 was published, issued, circulated, distributed or displayed by
8 the person by whom it may purport to have been issued, or
9 by the owner, lessee, proprietor, manager, superintendent or
10 agent of the place of accommodation, resort or amusement
11 to which it relates or upon the premises of which it was dis-
12 played.

Sect. 3. A place of public accommodation, resort or
2 amusement within the meaning of this act shall be deemed
3 to include any inn, whether conducted for the entertainment,
4 housing, or lodging of transient guests, or for the benefit,
5 use or accommodation of those seeking health, recreation or
6 rest, any restaurant, eating-house, public conveyance on land
7 or water, bath-house, barber-shop, theatre and music-hall.

Sect. 4. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed
2 to prohibit the mailing of a private communication in writing,
3 sent in response to specific written inquiry.

Sect. 5. Any person who shall violate any of the pro-
2 visions of this Act, or who shall aid in or incite, cause or
3 bring about, in whole or in part, the violation of the pro-
4 visions of this Act, shall, for each and every violation be
5 liable to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars, nor
6 more than five hundred dollars, or shall be imprisoned not
7 less than thirty days, nor more than ninety days, or shall be
8 subject to both such fine and imprisonment.