

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 230

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*In Senate, Feb. 23, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

*Presented by Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT relating to the Construction of Chimneys.

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

Section 1. No person, firm or corporation shall erect or  
2 reconstruct in or attach to any building designed for perma-  
3 nent or all the year occupancy, or located within fifty feet of  
4 an adjacent building any chimney or flue to be used for or  
5 in connection with any stove, fire-place or furnace unless  
6 said chimney or flue shall be erected or reconstructed in ac-  
7 cordance with the following provisions:

Such chimney or flue shall have an inside measurement of  
2 at least six inches by eight inches and shall be built of brick,  
3 stone or reinforced concrete. Such chimney or flue shall  
4 have walls at least six inches thick and thoroughly plastered  
5 with cement and lime mortar, if constructed of brick, or re-  
6 inforced concrete, unless they are lined with fire clay or hard  
7 burned terra cotta lining for the entire height in which case  
8 the brick or reinforced concrete walls shall be at least four  
9 inches thick. Chimneys may be constructed of stone in  
10 which case they shall have walls at least eight inches thick,  
11 unless they are lined with fire clay or hard burned terra  
12 cotta lining for the entire height, in which case the walls  
13 shall be at least six inches thick.

Such chimney or flue shall have a cleanout near the base,  
2 all thimbles shall be constructed of iron or cement, which  
3 shall be of substantial construction and all other openings in  
4 the chimney shall be of same construction and built of in-  
5 combustible material.

Such chimney or flue shall have a substantial foundation  
2 upon or in the ground, except that when such a foundation  
3 is impracticable. The base of the chimney may be placed  
4 in an occupied room on the first floor within the building,  
5 provided it is substantially supported and the base built of  
6 not less than four courses of solid brick and cement mortar,  
7 or the base may be constructed of stone or reinforced con-  
8 crete if of the same size.

No wood casing, furring or other wood work shall be

2 placed in, against or within two inches of chimney except  
3 that wood mantles, floors and baseboards, when protected  
4 by asbestos or other fire resisting material may come in con-  
5 tact with plaster covering chimney or flue. All wood beams  
6 shall be trimmed away from chimneys.

This act shall not apply to buildings used exclusively for  
2 manufacturing purposes.

Sect. 2. It shall be the duty of the municipal officers to  
2 enforce or cause to be enforced the provisions of this act.