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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 381

House of Representatives, Mar. 11, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Thomas from Committee on Mercantile
Affairs and Insurance and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes
relating to Cinematograph and Moving Pictures.

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

Chapter 32, Revised Statutes, is hereby amended by chang-
2 ing the word "four" in the third line thereof to 'eleven' and
3 by inserting the following sections after section 17 of said
4 chapter so that as amended said section shall read as follows:

'Sect. 18. For exhibition of moving pictures in the open
2 air or in a tent a portable asbestos booth may be used pro-
3 vided such booths meets the specifications hereinafter set
4 forth, and while in use shall be located not less than 300 feet
5 from any building or woods.

Sect. 19. The portable asbestos booth shall be at least
2 6' 6" in height by 5' 0" square, and is designed for use for
3 one picture machine only. The frame shall be of standard
4 pipe, angle ventilator trap and fittings, shall conform to the
5 specifications herein set forth. The four corner posts shall
6 be of $\frac{3}{4}$ " standard pipe, the eight horizontal members of $\frac{1}{2}$ "
7 standard pipe, and the eight corner fittings of malleable iron
8 or bronze casting, with braced corners. The ventilator trap
9 shall be made of 1" x 1" x $\frac{1}{8}$ " angles on all sides, shall ex-
10 tend the full width of the top and 2" beyond the front of the
11 top pipe, shall be securely hinged 1' 10" from the front,
12 and the corners shall be braced $\frac{1}{8}$ " gusset plate bolted
13 to each angle with 3-16" bolts.

Sect. 20. The sides shall be of plain commercially pure
2 asbestos cloth weighing not less than two pounds to the
3 square yard, which shall be in one piece, long enough to
4 lap over not less than 2' 0' where it comes together around
5 the booth, and shall be not less than 7' 6' in width so as to
6 lap on the floor; it shall be held in place by substantial metal
7 hooks over the top pipe and with snap catches or asbestos
8 cord on the bottom pipe, such hooks, bottom catches or cord
9 to be not more than 8" on centers. The top shall be covered
10 with asbestos cloth of the same quality as the sides, which
11 shall be of sufficient size to hang down on all sides at least
12 8"; it shall be provided with metal hooks or asbestos cord
13 which shall hook or lace onto the pipe, to hold it in place.
14 The floor shall be covered with an asbestos mat of the same

15 material not less than 1' 0" larger than the booth on all
16 sides, and held in place when in use with heavy thumb tacks.

Sect. 21. The overlapping sides shall form the entrance
2 and exit of the booth. All raw edges of asbestos cloth shall
3 be bound or hemmed at least 1" deep.

Sect. 22. The angle ventilator described in section 15
2 shall be so arranged that it may be raised at least 1' 0" above
3 the top pipe of the booth, and held by a toggle joint, or other
4 approved device, whereby, in case of accident, it can be in-
5 stantly dropped.

Sect. 23. The apertures, two in number, one for the ma-
2 chine not more than 6" in height x 12" in width, and one for
3 the operator not more than 12" in height x 6" in width, shall
4 be provided with shutters sewed to curtain at the top of
5 opening, and the lower edges of the same shall be weighted
6 with $\frac{3}{8}$ " gas pipe, which shall be long enough to go the whole
7 horizontal length of the shutter, and provided with cord and
8 fusible link, as specified for the Standard Booth, running
9 through a screw eye, or a ring attached to the pipe frame
10 over the openings. All shutters shall be of size to lap over
11 curtain at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ " on all sides.

Sect. 24. Whoever keeps, uses or operates any cinemato-
2 graph or similar apparatus contrary to the provisions of the
3 eleven preceding sections shall be punished by a fine of not
4 less than twenty-five dollars nor more than five hundred
5 dollars, to be recovered on complaint or indictment to the
6 use of the city or town in which any such violation occurs;

7 but no final judgment on such complaint or indictment shall
8 be entered during the pendency of an appeal as provided in
9 sections 15 and 16 of this chapter and in case such appeal
10 be sustained, such complaint or indictment shall be dis-
11 missed.'

INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM.

In making an investigation relative to portable asbestos booth for the exhibition of moving pictures, I find that the proposed bill is substantially the same with a very few exceptions as provided by the Massachusetts regulations. I also find that a portable asbestos cloth booth is used in some states for occasional exhibitions of moving pictures in buildings certified by their fire departments, but the word "occasional" which conveys the intent of the law must really be regarded as applying to no more than two exhibitions in one day, with at least an interval of one week. I also find that at the present time New York and Massachusetts are giving serious consideration to portable moving picture booths for temporary use, the serious objection the present equipment being the matter of ventilation which in the permanent booth is provided for by fan and duct to the open air and which scheme is now being tried to work in a satisfactory manner in the temporary asbestos cloth booth.