

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 299**

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S. P. 323

In Senate, Feb. 4, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Weatherbee of Penobscot by request.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

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AN ACT to fix the license fees to be paid by traveling circuses.

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

Section 1. Section two of Chapter thirty-seven of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding to the seventh line thereof the words 'not less than two hundred dollars nor more than', and adding in the eighth line thereof the words 'depending upon its size, number of persons employed and number of railroad or motor cars used by it;' and further amended by striking out in the twelfth line the words "of five hundred dollars" and inserting the words 'fixed by the Secretary of State,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. Licenses; fees; prosecutions; travelling circuses required to obtain state license; penalty. R. S., c. 32, No. 2, 1923, c. 136. The municipal officers of towns may grant licenses for any of the foregoing exhibitions or performances therein, on receiving for their town such sum as they deem proper; twenty-four hours being allowed for each exhibition or performance; and they shall prosecute, by complaint for the use of their town, all violations of the preceding section. No travelling circus shall advertise or exhibit any parade, show, or entertainment in this state with-

out first paying a state license of not less than two hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, depending upon its size, number of persons employed, and number of railroad or motor cars used by it, for each calendar year. Application for such license shall be made to the secretary of state and shall contain the name of the person or corporation owning or operating said travelling circus and a statement of the proposed territory within the limits of said state and the names of the cities and towns in which said travelling circus is to exhibit. Upon the payment of the sum fixed by the Secretary of State, a license shall issue.

The advertising and exhibiting of any parade, show, or entertainment of any travelling circus without first taking out such license shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and the person, persons, firm, or corporation owning or controlling such travelling circus, or the manager or officer in charge thereof within the state shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

Municipal and superior courts in the counties where such travelling circus advertises and exhibits or parades shall have jurisdiction over said offense.'