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DECEMBER SPECIAL SESSION

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Legislative Document

No. 121

S. P. 50

In Senate, Dec. 8, 1933.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. 1,000 copies ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Bissett of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT Legalizing the Exhibition of Motion Pictures Under Certain
Conditions on Sunday.**

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

R. S., c. 135, amended. Chapter 135 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

'Sec. 39-G. Sunday motion pictures authorized. In any city or town that shall so vote, as hereinafter provided, it shall be lawful to exhibit motion pictures and sound pictures, to charge admission therefor and to attend the same as a spectator between the hours of 2 o'clock P. M. and midnight on Sunday.'

'Sec. 39-H. Local option provided for. Section 39-G shall not be effective in any city until the municipal officers of the city so vote or in any town until an article in a town warrant, so providing, has been adopted at any annual or special town meeting. When a city or town has voted in favor of adopting the provisions of section 39-G said provisions shall be effective until repealed in the same manner, as above provided.'

'Sec. 39-I. Towns may issue licenses; fees. Cities and towns adopting the provisions of section 39-G shall issue special licenses for such exhibitions on each Sunday and shall charge and collect therefor a license fee of \$10 for each license, for the use of said city or town, and shall, in

addition thereto, charge and collect, for the use of the state, an additional license fee as follows: In towns of less than 5,000 population, a fee of \$15, in towns of more than 5,000 population, but not over 10,000 population, a fee of \$35, in towns of more than 10,000 but not over 25,000 population, a fee of \$50, and in towns of over 25,000 population, a fee of \$75.'

'Sec. 39-J. Petitions to municipal officers. Municipal officers of cities shall take action upon the acceptance of the provisions of sections 39-G to 39-I, inclusive, upon receipt of a petition therefor, signed by at least 100 registered voters in said city and shall hold such public hearings thereon as they may deem necessary. The selectmen, or other municipal officers of towns shall insert an article in the warrant for the next annual town meeting for the acceptance of the provisions of said sections after receipt of the petition therefor, signed by at least 25 registered voters of such town.'

'Sec. 39-K. Penalty. Any person violating any of the provisions of sections 39-G to 39-J, inclusive, or any regulation of the city or town made in connection therewith, shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of \$5 and costs of prosecution.'

'Sec. 39-L. §§ 39-G to 39-K, how cited. The provisions of sections 39-G to 39-K, inclusive, may be referred to in proceedings of city governments and in warrants for town meetings as "The Sunday Motion Picture Law".'