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S. P. 452

In Senate, March 7, 1951

On motion by Senator Haskell of Cumberland, referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Palmer, Jr., of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Provide for the Approval of Degree-granting Institutions by
the State Board of Education.**

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

R. S., c. 37, § § 124-A - 124-E., additional. Chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 5 new sections, to be numbered 124-A to 124-E, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Sec. 124-A. Approval for the conferring of degrees. No application by a person, partnership, institution, corporation or their legal representatives for authority to confer any educational, literary or academic degree shall be approved by the legislature or any committee thereof until the same shall have been considered by the state board of education and shall be endorsed by said board. The state board of education shall not consider nor endorse any application for authority to confer any such degree until the institution, on behalf of which the application is made, has been in operation for at least 2 years under a license granted by said board. The state board of education shall establish and publish the regulations under which such licenses shall be granted.

Sec. 124-B. Termination of right to grant degrees. The state board of

education shall inspect periodically institutional degree-granting programs approved under sections 124 and 124-A. The privilege of conferring any degree authorized by the legislature in accordance with the provisions of sections 124 and 124-A shall terminate if the state board of education withholds its approval of the character of the work or the facilities of the institution in whose name such degrees are granted for a period of 3 successive years.

Sec. 124-C. Approval of name of institutions. No person, partnership, institution, corporation or their legal representatives shall use or allow to be used in any way the term "junior college," "college" or "university" in connection with any institution unless it is licensed or has been given the right to grant degrees in accordance with the provisions of sections 124 and 124-A, except that this section shall not apply to a school which has used any one of these terms in its name for a period of at least 3 years prior to July 1, 1951.

Sec. 124-D. Penalty. Any person, partnership, institution, corporation or their legal representatives, which violates any provision of sections 124-A to 124-C, inclusive, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 124-E. Exemption of certain institutions. The provisions of sections 124-A to 124-D, inclusive, shall not apply to institutions authorized by the legislature to grant degrees prior to July 1, 1951.'