

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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**Chapter 27.**

An act to amend chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes respecting directors of mutual insurance companies.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Chapter forty-nine, section thirty-three of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out of the first clause of said section the words following, viz: "No director is eligible to the office of secretary or treasurer of said company."

Ch. 49, sec. 33,  
R. S. amended.

[Approved March 24, 1858.]

**Chapter 28.**

An act to provide for the greater security of travelers and lodgers at inns during fires.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECT. 1. The aldermen of any city and the selectmen of any town are hereby authorized whenever they deem it necessary to require the owner, proprietor or keeper of any inn or public house, where strangers or travelers are lodged within their respective cities and towns, to provide suitable and sufficient ladders and fire escapes from the different stories of such inn or public house, easily accessible to each lodger in case of fire.

Innkeepers to provide means of escape from fires, when required.

SECT. 2. If such aldermen or selectmen shall give notice to any such owner, proprietor or keeper, to provide such suitable and sufficient ladders and fire escapes, sixty days shall be allowed to provide the same; but any such owner, proprietor or keeper neglecting to provide the same after the expiration of said sixty days, shall forfeit and pay not less than fifty, nor more than three hundred dollars for each and every month he shall continue so to neglect; to be recovered in an action of debt in the name and to the use of the inhabitants of said town or city.

Time allowed.

Penalty for neglect.

[Approved March 24, 1858.]