

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE  
**REVISED STATUTES**

OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED OCTOBER 22, 1840;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

**THE CONSTITUTIONS**

OF THE

*United States and of the State of Maine,*

AND TO WHICH ARE SUBJOINED THE OTHER

PUBLIC LAWS OF 1840 AND 1841,

WITH AN

**APPENDIX.**

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## OF RECORDING BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

- SECT. 1. Town clerks, to record births and deaths.
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Town clerk, to record births and deaths.  
1821, 136, § 1.

SECTION. 1. Every town and plantation clerk shall record all births and deaths, which shall occur in the town or plantation, of which he is clerk, and come to his knowledge; stating the time when each such event took place, and the names of the parents, if known; for the fees allowed by law, to be paid by such town or plantation.

Parents and others, to notify such clerks.  
1821, 136, § 2.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of parents, house holders, masters of work houses, alms houses and prisons, and vessels, to give notice to the clerk of the town, in which they respectively reside, of the births and deaths, which take place in the respective families, houses, or vessels, in which such event may occur; and also the duty of the elder person, next of kin, to give like notice of the death of his kindred.

Penalties for neglect.  
1821, 136, § 2.

SECT. 3. Any person, neglecting to perform the duty required of him in this chapter, for the space of six months, shall forfeit and pay one dollar for each offence; to be recovered on complaint, to the use of such town.

**CHAPTER 39.**

## OF PUBLIC SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS.

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Penalty for exhibiting pageantry, shows or tricks, without license.  
1824, 266, § 1.  
1833, 70, § 1.

SECTION 1. If any person shall, for money or other valuable article, in any city, town or plantation, in this state, exhibit any images or pageantry, sleight of hand tricks, puppet show or circus, or any feats of balancing, wire dancing, personal agility, sleight or dexterity, without a license therefor, as hereinafter provided, he shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, nor less than ten dollars.

Licenses, how granted.  
1833, 70, § 2.  
9 Pick. 415.

SECT. 2. The mayor of any city, the selectmen of any town, and the assessors of any plantation, may grant license for any of the foregoing exhibitions or performances therein, on receiving for the use thereof, such sum as they may deem proper, but not less than five dollars for every such exhibition; twenty four hours being allowed for the same.

Museums excepted.  
1833, 70, § 2.  
Who shall prosecute.  
1833, 70, § 3.

SECT. 3. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed, to extend to any permanently established museum.

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of the mayor of any city, of the selectmen of any town, and the assessors of any plantation, to