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nor more than one hundred and seventy dollars for each offence; but the municipal officers of any town may license any duly licensed auctioneer specially, to sell after sunset upon payment of a sum not exceeding twenty dollars.

SEC. 6. A parcel of real estate lying partly in one town and partly in another, may be sold by an auctioneer of either; but if an auctioneer sells or offers to sell real or personal property at public auction in any other towns than those authorized by his license, or if any person sells without a license, he forfeits not exceeding six hundred dollars.

SEC. 7. If the tenant or occupant of any building, having actual possession and control thereof, knowingly permits any person to sell any goods or chattels at public auction contrary to this chapter, in such building, or in any apartment, or yard appurtenant thereto, he forfeits not more than six hundred, nor less than one hundred dollars.

SEC. 8. Nothing in the preceding sections extends to sales made by sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, coroners, constables, tax collectors, executors or administrators, or any other person authorized to sell goods, chattels, or lands, by order of any court or judge of probate.

SEC. 9. All fines imposed by this chapter may be recovered by indictment; and it is the special duty of city marshals and their deputies, sheriffs, constables and police officers, to make immediate complaint for every offence against the provisions hereof; half of all fines shall be for the prosecutor, and half for the town where the offence is committed.

SEC. 10. The municipal officers of any city or town, may, upon presentation of an invoice or inventory of the property to be sold, which shall be produced unless said municipal officers decide that the same is unnecessary, grant a special license to any auctioneer, a voter in the state, to sell at public auction, between the hours of seven in the forenoon and six in the afternoon, upon payment to such city or town of five dollars for each invoice or inventory.

## CHAPTER 35.

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## PAWNBROKERS.

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## PAWNBROKERS.

## CHAP. 35.

SEC. 1. The municipal officers of any town may grant licenses to persons of good moral character to be pawnbrokers therein for one year, unless sooner removed by said officers for violation of law; whoever carries on said business without a license, forfeits not exceeding one hundred dollars.

License and removal of pawnbrokers.  
R.S., c. 35, § 1.  
—penalty.

SEC. 2. Every pawnbroker shall keep a book, in which he shall enter the date, duration, amount, and rate of interest of every loan made by him; an accurate account and description of the property pawned, and the name and residence of the pawner, and, at the same time, shall deliver to said pawner a written memorandum signed by him, containing the substance of the above entry, and, at all reasonable times, shall submit said book to the inspection of any of the officers aforesaid; and for every violation of this section he forfeits twenty dollars.

To keep an account of all business done.  
R.S., c. 35, § 2.

SEC. 3. No pawnbroker shall directly or indirectly receive a rate of interest greater than twenty-five per cent. a year on a loan not exceeding twenty-five dollars, nor more than six per cent. on a larger loan made upon property pawned, under a penalty of one hundred dollars for each offence.

Rates of interest fixed.  
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SEC. 4. No pawnbroker shall sell any property pawned, until it has remained in his possession for three months after the expiration of the time for which it was pawned; all such sales shall be at public auction by a licensed auctioneer, after notice of the time and place of sale, the name of the auctioneer, and a description of the property to be sold has been published in a newspaper in the town, where the property is pawned, if any, and if not, after such notice has been posted in two public places therein at least two weeks before the sale; all sales of such property otherwise made, are void, and the pawnbroker, undertaking to make them, forfeits twenty dollars for every such offence.

Time and mode of selling pawned property, and notice thereof, fixed under a penalty.  
R.S., c. 35, § 4.

SEC. 5. After deducting from the proceeds of any sale as aforesaid the amount of the loan, the interest then due, and the proportional part of the expenses of sale, such pawnbroker shall pay the balance to the person who would have been entitled to redeem such property if no sale had been made; and if not so paid on demand, the broker forfeits double the amount so retained, half to the pawner, and half to the State.

Penalty for not paying over proceeds, &c.  
R.S., c. 35, § 5.

## INTELLIGENCE OFFICES.

SEC. 6. The municipal officers of any town may, on payment of one dollar each, grant licenses to suitable persons for one year, unless sooner revoked after notice and for cause, to keep offices for the purpose of obtaining employment for domestics, servants, or other laborers, except seamen, or of giving information relating thereto, or of doing the usual business of intelligence offices; whoever keeps such an office, without a license, forfeits not exceeding fifty dollars for every day that it is so kept.

Municipal officers may license intelligence offices.  
R.S., c. 35, § 6.

SEC. 7. The penalties provided in this chapter may be recovered by complaint or indictment, for the State, when not otherwise appropriated.

Fines, how disposed of.  
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