

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# STATE OF MAINE,

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TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

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No. 45.]

[HOUSE.

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE

LIABILITIES OF SHIP OWNERS.

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[Wm. R. SMITH & Co....Printers.]



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# STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
FORTY-FOUR.

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## AN ACT relating to the liabilities of ship owners.

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

3 In no case shall the owner or master of any ship or  
4 vessel registered, or enrolled and licensed to carry on  
5 the coasting trade, steam vessels excepted, be held to  
6 answer as a common carrier for any loss happening  
7 to property shipped on board, or taken in charge, to  
8 be shipped on board any such vessel, where ordinary  
9 care and diligence had been used, and which loss was  
10 occasioned by the act of God, the public enemy, fire,  
11 pirates, robbers, theft or rats, or any other danger,  
12 jetson, accident, or casualty of the seas, rivers, har-  
13 bors, or navigation of whatever nature or kind soever.

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### AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY MR. TUCKER OF SACO.

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And nothing contained in this act shall be so construed  
2 as to operate as an exemption from any liability to  
3 contribution to a general average loss.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
March 2, 1844. }

ORDERED, That 300 copies of the foregoing Bill, be printed  
for the use of the House.

WM. T. JOHNSON, *Clerk.*