

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSIONS

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THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

No. 9.]

[HOUSE.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
FIFTY-TWO.

AN ACT additional to chapter thirty-five of the revised
statutes.

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

SECTION 1. If any person shall keep or suffer to be
2 kept in any house, building, yard, garden or depend-
3 ency thereof, by him used or occupied, or which
4 shall in any way be under his management, care or
5 control, any table for the purpose of playing billiards,
6 or any cards, dice, or other implements of gaming of
7 any kind, for hire, gain or reward, or shall for hire,
8 gain or reward, suffer any person to resort to the

9 same, for the purpose of playing billiards, cards, dice
10 or any other unlawful game, every person so offend-
11 ing, shall for any such offense, forfeit to the use of the
12 city or town where such offense shall have been com-
13 mitted, a sum not less than fifty, nor more than three
14 hundred dollars, or shall be imprisoned in the common
15 jail, not less than two, nor more than twelve months,
16 upon conviction by indictment in the district court ;
17 and any person who shall play at billiards at any such
18 table, thus kept or used, or who shall play at any other
19 unlawful game, in the places above named, shall for-
20 feit to the use of the city or town, where the offense
21 shall have been committed, not less than five, nor
22 more than twenty dollars, to be recovered on com-
23 plaint before a municipal or police court, or justice of
24 the peace.

SEC. 2. If any three persons, voters in any city,
2 town or plantation, shall make oath, before any mu-
3 nicipal or police court, or justice of the peace, that
4 they suspect or have probable cause to suspect, that
5 any house, or other building or place, in such city,
6 town or plantation, is unlawfully used as and for a
7 gaming house, for the purpose of gaming for money

8 or other property, and that idle and dissolute persons
9 resort thereto for that purpose, such justice or court,
10 whether the names of the persons last mentioned are
11 known to the complainant or not, shall issue a war-
12 rant, commanding the sheriff or his deputy, or any
13 constable, police officer, city marshal or deputy
14 marshal, to enter into such house, building or place,
15 either by night or by day, and there to arrest all per-
16 sons who shall there be found playing any unlawful
17 game, and also the keeper of such house, building or
18 place, and to take into their custody all such tables,
19 and all other implements of gaming there found, and
20 to keep the said persons, tables and implements, so
21 that they may be forthcoming before such justice or
22 court, to be dealt with according to law; and such
23 keepers of such house, building or other place, shall
24 be required to recognize with sufficient sureties, be-
25 fore said court or justice, for their appearance at the
26 next term of the district court, and shall also recog-
27 nize with sufficient sureties in the sum of five hun-
28 dred dollars for their good behavior, and especially
29 that they will not be guilty of any offense, in violation
30 of this act, or of the chapter to which it is additional,

31 for the space of three years then next ensuing, and
32 all such tables and other implements of gaming seized
33 by virtue of the warrant provided for in this act, shall
34 be destroyed, under the direction of the court or jus-
35 tice issuing the warrant. This act to take effect
36 from and after its approval by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 18, 1852.

ORDERED, That 500 copies of the foregoing bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

EDMUND W. FLAGG, *Clerk.*