

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1856.

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**PART SECOND.**

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Augusta:

FULLER & FULLER, PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1856.

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# THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 21.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to punish and prevent frauds in the use of  
false stamps, labels and trade marks.

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

SECTION 1. Every person who shall knowingly and  
2 willfully forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to  
3 be forged or counterfeited any representation, like-  
4 ness, similitude, copy or imitation of the private  
5 stamps, wrappers, labels or trade marks usually affixed  
6 by any mechanic or manufacturer to, and used by  
7 such mechanic or manufacturer on, in or about the  
8 sale of any goods, wares or merchandise, with intent  
9 to deceive or defraud the purchaser or manufacturer  
10 of any goods, wares or merchandise whatsoever, upon

11 conviction thereof shall be deemed guilty of a misde-  
12 meanor, and shall be punished by fine not more than  
13 two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county  
14 jail for a term not more than one year.

SECT. 2. Every person who shall vend any goods,  
2 wares or merchandise, having thereon any forged or  
3 counterfeit stamp, label or trade mark, imitating,  
4 resembling or purporting to be the stamp or label or  
5 trade mark of any mechanic or manufacturer, know-  
6 ing the same to be forged or counterfeited, and  
7 resembling or purporting to be imitations of the  
8 stamp, label or trade mark of such mechanic or man-  
9 ufacturer, without disclosing the fact to the purchaser  
• 10 thereof, shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of a  
11 misdemeanor, and shall be punished by imprisonment  
12 in the county jail for a term not exceeding one year,  
13 or by a fine not more than five hundred dollars.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 3, 1856.

ORDERED, That 350 copies of "An act to punish and prevent frauds in the use of false stamps, labels and trade marks," reported from the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

WM. G. CLARK, *Secretary.*