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# THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.]

[No. 15.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT for the suppression of certain common nuisances.

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

SECTION 1. All buildings, places or tenements used  
2 as houses of ill-fame, resorted to for prostitution, lewd-  
3 ness, or for illegal gaming, or used for the illegal sale  
4 or keeping of intoxicating liquors, are hereby declared  
5 to be common nuisances, and are to be regarded and  
6 treated as such.

SECT. 2. Any person keeping or maintaining any  
2 such common nuisance shall be punished by fine not  
3 exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment  
4 in the county jail not more than one year.

SECT. 3. If any person, being a tenant or occupant, 2 under any lawful title, of any building or tenement 3 not owned by him, shall use said premises or any part 4 thereof for any of the purposes enumerated in the first 5 section of this act, such use shall annul and make void 6 the lease or other title under which said occupant 7 holds, and without any act of the owner shall cause to 8 revert and vest in him the right of possession thereof; 9 and said owner may make immediate entry, without 10 process of law, upon the premises, or he may avail 11 himself of the remedy provided in the ninety-fourth 12 chapter of the revised statutes; and the provisions of 13 said chapter shall be deemed to extend to all such 14 cases; and any person appealing from any judgment 15 rendered upon said complaint, shall be required to 16 enter into the same recognizance now provided by 17 said chapter ninety-four.

SECT. 4. If any person shall knowingly let any 2 building or tenement owned by him, or under his 3 control, for any of the purposes in the first section of 4 this act enumerated, or shall knowingly permit any 5 such building or tenement, or part thereof, to be so 6 used while under his control, or shall, after due notice 7 of any such use of said building or tenement, omit to 8 take all reasonable measures to eject the said person 9 or persons from said premises as soon as the same

10 may lawfully be done, he shall be deemed and taken  
11 to be guilty of aiding in the maintenance of such  
12 nuisance, and be punished by a fine of not less than  
13 one hundred, nor more than one thousand dollars, or  
14 by imprisonment in the county jail not less than thirty  
15 days, nor more than six months.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 17, 1858.

This bill was twice read, and on motion of Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, it was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

G. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*