

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Disposal of Dangerous Buildings in Municipalities.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**R. S., T. 17, §§ 2851 - 2855, repealed and replaced.** Sections 2851, 2852, 2853, 2854 and 2855 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 2851. Dangerous buildings

Whenever the municipal officers shall find any burnt or dangerous buildings, or any building that constitutes a hazard to safety or health and which also exerts a downgrading or blighting influence on the surrounding neighborhood, they may, after notice and hearing on the matter, adjudge the same to be a nuisance or dangerous and may make and record an order prescribing what disposal shall be made thereof.

1. Notice. The notice shall be in writing sent by certified mail to the owner or owners at their last known address at least 14 days next prior to the date of hearing.

2. Notice how published. When the name or address of any owner or co-owner is unknown or is not ascertainable with reasonable diligence, then the notice shall be published once a week for 3 successive weeks prior to the date of hearing in a newspaper generally circulated in the county, or if none, in the state paper.

3. Order. The order made by the municipal officers shall be recorded by the municipal clerk who shall forthwith send an attested copy thereof to the owner or co-owner by certified mail to his last known address, or if the name or ad-

dress cannot be ascertained, the clerk shall publish a copy of the order in the same manner as provided for notice in subsection 2.

§ 2852. Appeal; hearing

Any person aggrieved by such order may, within 30 days after said order is made and recorded, file an appeal therefrom to any Justice of the Supreme Judicial or Superior Court who shall, after notice and hearing, affirm, annul or alter such order and may render such judgment as to costs as justice requires.

§ 2853. Municipal officers may order nuisance abated

If no appeal is filed, the municipal officers of such municipality shall cause said nuisance to be abated or removed in compliance with their order, and all expenses thereof shall be repaid to the municipality by the owner or co-owner within 30 days after the demand or the municipal officers may bring a civil action to recover such expenses.'