

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

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S. P. 83

In Senate, January 18, 1967

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Ferguson of Oxford.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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### **AN ACT Relating to Licensing of Premises for Dancing Purposes.**

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

**R. S., T. 8, §§ 161 and 162, repealed and replaced.** Sections 161 and 162 of Title 8 of the Revised Statutes are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

#### **§ 161. Licenses and fees**

No public dances at which minors are admitted shall be held in any pavilion, hall or other buildings unless there shall be on hand at all times, when such dances are being held, an officer of the law, and unless there shall be in such pavilion, hall or other building separate toilets for men and women.

Any building or parts thereof used for dancing purposes, either habitually or occasionally, shall have posted at all times of dancing a proper license obtained from the Insurance Commissioner.

Application for said license shall be made by the owner of the building to the Insurance Commissioner and upon receipt of such application the Insurance Commissioner shall inspect or cause to be inspected such building as to its entrances, exits, fire escapes and structural and fire safety. If as a result of such inspection he is convinced that the specifications provided are fully complied with, and that such building or parts thereof are in accordance with the law and regulations, he may issue a license on said building for dancing purposes, which license shall name the owner, and name of the hall, location in the building of the dance area and the capacity of this area for dancing.

Such license shall cover all dancing in said building or parts thereof as stated on the license. All dancing licenses issued shall expire December 31st of each year unless sooner revoked.

A fee of \$10 shall be fixed by the Insurance Commissioner and said fee shall be credited to the Division of Fire Prevention to help defray expenses of inspection.

The Insurance Commissioner shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations relative to the fire protection, fire prevention and structural accident prevention governing such buildings.

No building or any part thereof used for dancing purposes shall have less than 2 means of egress, as remote as possible from each other, to the outside of the building from the dancing area.

#### § 162. Violations

Whoever, being an owner, lessee, tenant or licensee of a pavilion, hall or other building, in which a dance is held in violation of any restriction imposed by section 161, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both. Said license may be suspended or revoked by the court.