
FORTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 117.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to authorize apothecaries and druggists to sell distilled and fermented liquors for certain purposes.

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

SECTION 1. The selectmen of any town and the
2 mayor and aldermen of any city may authorize apoth-
3 ecaries and druggists residing and doing business
4 within such city or town, to sell distilled or fermented
5 liquors upon the written prescriptions of any physician
6 in regular practice, other than the person so author-
7 ized, to be used for medicinal purposes only.

SECT. 2. The authority given to any apothecary or
2 druggist, by such municipal officers, to sell distilled
3 and fermented liquors in manner as aforesaid, shall be

4 in writing and shall continue in force one year from
5 its date unless sooner revoked ; but the same may be
6 revoked by said officers whenever they shall be satis-
7 fied that there is sufficient cause for such revocation.

SECT. 3. Such authority shall not be given to any
2 apothecary or druggist, by the municipal officers of
3 any city or town, until he shall have executed and
4 delivered to said officers a bond, with two good and
5 sufficient sureties, in the sum of one thousand dollars,
6 in substance as follows :

7 Know all men that we —— as principals and ——
8 as sureties, are holden and stand firmly bound to the
9 inhabitants of the town of —— (or city, as the case
10 may be,) in the sum of one thousand dollars, to be
11 paid them, to which payment we bind ourselves, our
12 heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these
13 presents.

14 Sealed with our seals, and dated this —— day of ——
15 A. D. ——.

16 The condition of this obligation is such that where-
17 as the above bounden —— has been duly authorized
18 to sell distilled and fermented liquors in said town (or
19 city) for medicinal purposes only, for the term of one
20 year from this date, pursuant to an act entitled an act
21 to authorize apothecaries and druggists to sell distilled

22 and fermented liquors for certain purposes, passed by
23 the legislature of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.
24 Now if the said — shall in all respects conform to
25 the provisions of said act, and to such regulations as
26 shall be from time to time established by the select-
27 men of said town (or mayor and aldermen of said city)
28 relating to the sale of such liquors, then this obliga-
29 tion to be void, otherwise to remain in full force.

SECT. 4. Apothecaries and druggists so authorized
2 shall sell pure liquors only, either separate or as com-
3 pounded with other medicines; and they shall preserve
4 in a book kept for that purpose, and at all times open
5 to the inspection of the public, each prescription filled
6 by them with distilled or fermented liquors, with the
7 name of the physician giving it, and the name of the
8 person to whom it is given; and the municipal officers
9 of any city or town may prohibit any person so au-
10 thorized from selling distilled or fermented liquors
11 upon the prescriptions of any physician who they have
12 good reason to believe has knowingly at any time pre-
13 scribed such liquors for any other than medicinal pur-
14 poses.

SECT. 5. For the purposes of this act, apothecaries
2 and druggists shall be understood to mean those per-
3 sons only whose principal business is the preparation

4 and dispensing of medicines, and the sale of drugs ;
5 and whose education and experience have been such
6 as to fit them for properly conducting that business.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 25, 1868. }

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr. CRAM
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S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*