

# FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

### HOUSE.

No. 17.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT additional to chapter one hundred and five of the revised statutes, relating to gambling in railroad cars.

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

SECTION 1. Whoever within the State of Maine, 2 upon any railroad train or in any railroad car, or upon 3 any steamboat, gambles, or bets upon any person 4 gambling, shall be punished by fine not less than one 5 hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not less than three 6 months, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SECT. 2. Every conductor or any other person hav-2 ing charge of any railroad train, is hereby authorized 3 and required to arrest or cause to be arrested any per-4 son or persons gambling on his train, and retain them 5 in his custody till a warrant can be procured from the

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6 proper authorities; and is hereby empowered to call 7 upon and employ all necessary aids to make such 8 arrests and detain the accused.

SECT 3. A copy of this act shall be conspicuously 2 posted in every saloon and palace car used on any rail-3 road in this state, and in every steamboat doing 4 any business in this state.

SECT. 4. Any railroad company, steamboat company 2 or the proprietors of any steamboat, refusing or neg-3 lecting to comply with the provisions of section three 4 of this act, shall forfeit for each offence the sum of 5 one hundred dollars, to be recovered by indictment in 6 any county in which said railroad company runs trains 7 or the steamboat does business.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved 2 by the governor.

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In House of Representatives, January 30, 1874.

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S. J. CHADBOURNE, Clerk.