

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 72.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT in relation to the protection of bottles used by the manufacturers of mineral waters, ginger ale, small beer, etc.

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

SECTION 1. All persons or corporations engaged in  
2 the manufacture and sale of soda waters, mineral  
3 waters, ginger ale, small beer, spruce beer, white beer  
4 or other similar beverages, in syphons or bottles with  
5 their name or names or other marks or devices, branded,  
6 stamped, engraved, etched, blown, impressed or other-  
7 wise produced upon such bottles or syphons or anything  
8 connected therewith, and appertaining thereto, may  
9 file in the office of the city or town clerk in which the  
10 principal place of business of such person or persons

11 is situated, a description of the names and marks afore-  
12 said used by them, and cause the same to be published  
13 once a week for three successive weeks in any weekly  
14 paper published in said county.

SECT. 2. It is hereby declared unlawful for any per-  
2 son or persons knowingly and willfully, without the  
3 written consent of the owner thereof, to use any such  
4 syphon so marked, or to deface or obliterate the names,  
5 marks or devices thereon, with the intent to sell, dis-  
6 pose of, buy or traffic in the same, or convert to their own  
7 use, unless purchased of the lawful owner. Any per-  
8 son or persons offending against the provision hereof,  
9 shall forfeit the sum of ten dollars, one half to the  
10 proscutor and one half to the town where such offence  
11 is committed, to be recovered by complaint or action  
12 of debt before any trial justice or justice of a police  
13 or municipal court in the county where the offence is  
14 committed.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 19, 1874. }

Reported from Committee on Commerce, by Mr. YOUNG, and  
ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*