

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 63.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT additional to chapter thirty-one of the revised statutes, relating to factors, agents and warehousemen.

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

SECTION 1. The title to goods and chattels stored in
2 a public warehouse, shall pass to a purchaser or
3 pledgee, in good faith, by the indorsement to such
4 purchaser or pledgee, (but not in blank,) of the ware-
5 houseman's receipt therefor, signed by the person to
6 whom the receipt was originally given, or by an in-
7 dorsee of the receipt, and recorded in the books of the
8 warehouseman with whom such goods and chattels are
9 stored.

SECT. 2. Each warehouseman shall keep books in

2 which shall be entered an account of all transactions
3 relating to the warehousing, storing, and insuring of
4 goods, wares, and merchandise, and the issuing of ware-
5 houseman's certificates, and the indorsement thereof,
6 which books shall be open to the inspection of any
7 person interested in the property stored in his ware-
8 house.

SECT. 3. Goods and chattels stored with a public
2 warehouseman may be attached as the goods of the
3 person named in the warehouseman's receipt therefor,
4 when no indorsement of such receipt has been recorded
5 on the books of the warehouseman; and where any
6 such indorsement has been recorded, may be attached
7 as the goods of the last indorsee of the receipt, shown
8 by the books of the warehouseman, by leaving at the
9 warehouse where the goods are stored, a copy of the
10 writ, with a copy of so much of the officer's return
11 thereon as relates to the attachment of such goods.
12 And an attachment so made shall be valid against any
13 transfer of such goods, the evidence of which is not
14 recorded in the books of the warehouseman, when the
15 copy of the writ is so left.

SECT. 4. Whoever indorses or assigns or otherwise
2 disposes of a warehouseman's certificate, after his in-
3 terest in the property described in such certificate has
4 been attached, without disclosing the attachment

5 thereof to the person to whom such certificate shall be
6 indorsed, assigned, or disposed of, shall, if he has
7 knowledge of such attachment, be punished by fine
8 not exceeding five thousand dollars and imprisonment
9 in the state prison not exceeding three years, or by
10 imprisonment in the common jail not exceeding one
11 year.

SECT. 5. Any person who advertises or offers to
2 receive goods, or merchandise, on storage for other
3 parties, shall be deemed a public warehouseman for
4 the purposes of this act.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect on its approval.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 16, 1876.

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WRIGHT of Penobscot, and laid over to be printed under the
Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*