

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Fifty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 178.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT concerning tramps.

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

SECTION 1. No person shall travel from town to
2 town, or from place to place in any town of which he
3 is not a resident, begging for food or shelter, nor shall
4 such person sleep or lodge in any barn or other build-
5 ing without the consent of the owner thereof.

SECT. 2. Any person violating the provisions of the
2 foregoing section shall be deemed a tramp, and on
3 complaint of any resident of this state, made before
4 any trial justice or municipal or police court, may be
5 arrested on a warrant issued therefor, or may be
6 arrested by any constable or other officer and detained
7 not exceeding twenty-four hours until such warrant

8 can be obtained ; and upon trial and conviction, such
9 justice or court may sentence him to pay a fine of
10 twenty dollars, and in default of payment, he shall be
11 sent by said justice or court to the nearest county jail
12 having a workshop attached, to be there confined at
13 hard labor not less than four months for the first
14 offence, and for any subsequent offence not less than
15 six months.

SECT. 3. The fees of officers and justices shall be
2 the same as for arrest and trial of common vagrants,
3 except that the officers' fees for commitment shall be
4 one dollar and a half for each day necessarily employed
5 and actual expenses of transportation. The jailers
6 shall receive such prisoners, and for their board they
7 shall be entitled to not exceeding two dollars and fifty
8 cents per week, all costs to be paid by the state, upon
9 the order of the county commissioners, out of the state
10 pauper fund ; *provided*, the governor and council shall
11 be satisfied the person confined is a tramp, having no
12 proper settlement in this state.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 15, 1878. }

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr. CUR-
RAN of Calais, and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*