

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Fifty-Seventh Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 66.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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[H. R. 72.] AN ACT to provide suitable means of egress  
from buildings used for assemblages of citizens.

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

SECTION 1. The mayors and aldermen of cities and  
2 the selectmen of towns, are hereby authorized and em-  
3 powered to determine whether or not any hall or build-  
4 ing, now erected or hereafter to be erected, and used  
5 for the assemblages of citizens, is provided with suit-  
6 able facilities of egress in case of fire or other casualty.

SECT. 2. Upon complaint in writing made, by one  
2 or more citizens to the mayor and aldermen, or select-  
3 men, stating that a building or hall, and describing  
4 the same, used for assemblages of citizens, is not pro-  
5 vided with sufficient facilities of egress in case of fire

6 or other casualty, the said mayor and aldermen, or  
7 selectmen, shall assign a day and place of hearing  
8 upon said complaint, and give to the owner or owners  
9 of said hall or building at least seven days' written  
10 notice thereof; and at the time and place appointed,  
11 shall meet and hear the party or parties in interest,  
12 and receive all evidence relating to said complaint and  
13 the subject thereof, and may view the premises, and  
14 thereupon said mayor and aldermen, or selectmen,  
15 shall decide and determine upon the sufficiency of the  
16 means of egress from said hall or building, and what,  
17 if any, additional facilities therefor are necessary;  
18 and if they shall find that there is an insufficiency of  
19 facilities of egress from said building or hall, and shall  
20 so decide, they shall notify the owner or owners thereof  
21 of said decision; and said mayor and aldermen or  
22 selectmen, may forbid the use of said building or hall  
23 for assemblages of citizens until such additional facili-  
24 ties of egress as they shall have found necessary shall  
25 have been furnished; and if the owner or owners of  
26 said building or hall shall let or use the same in viola-  
27 tion of the order of the said mayor and aldermen, or  
28 selectmen, so as above made, said owner or owners  
29 shall forfeit not less than twenty nor more than fifty  
30 dollars for each offence, to be recovered in an action  
31 of debt to the use of said city or town.

**STATE OF MAINE.**

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**IN SENATE, February 16, 1878.**

**Reported by Mr. HAYNES of Kennebec, from the Committee  
on the Judiciary, and laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.**

**SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.***