

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 33.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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### AN ACT to punish tramps.

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

SECTION 1. Any person going about from place  
2 to place begging and asking or subsisting upon  
3 charity, shall be taken and deemed to be a tramp,  
4 and shall upon conviction be punished by imprison-  
5 ment at hard labor in the state prison not more  
6 than fifteen months.

SECT. 2. Any tramp who shall enter any dwell-  
2 ing house or kindle any fire in the highway or on  
3 the land of another, without the consent of the  
4 owner or occupant thereof, or shall be found carry-  
5 ing any fire-arm or other dangerous weapon, or  
6 shall threaten to do any injury to any person, or

7 to the real or personal estate of another, shall be  
8 punished by imprisonment at hard labor in the  
9 state prison not more than two years.

SECT. 3. Any tramp who shall wilfully and ma-  
2 liciously do any injury to any person, or to the  
3 real or personal estate of another, shall be punished  
4 by imprisonment at hard labor in the state prison  
5 not more than five years.

SECT. 4. Any act of beggary or vagrancy by  
2 any person not a resident of this state shall be evi-  
3 dence that the person committing the same is a  
4 tramp, within the meaning of this act.

SECT. 5. Any person, upon view of any offense  
2 described in this act, may apprehend the offender  
3 and take him before a trial justice, or judge of any  
4 municipal or police court having jurisdiction, for  
5 examination, and on his conviction shall be entitled  
6 to a reward of ten dollars therefor, to be paid by  
7 the county.

SECT. 6. The mayor of every city and the select-  
2 men of every town, are hereby authorized to ap-  
3 point special constables, whose duty it shall be to  
4 arrest and prosecute all tramps in their respective  
5 cities and towns.

SECT. 7. This act shall not apply to any female

2 or minor under the age of fourteen years, nor to  
3 any blind person.

SECT. 8. Upon the passage and approval of this  
2 act, the secretary of state shall cause printed  
3 copies of it to be sent to the several town and city  
4 clerks, who shall cause the same to be posted in at  
5 least six conspicuous places, three of which shall  
6 be on the public highway.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 25, 1880.

Reported by Mr. DINGLEY, from Committee on Legal Affairs,  
and tabled to print under Joint Rule.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*