

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 34.

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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 concerning the state agency for the sale of  
spirituous liquors.

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

SECTION 1. Section fourteen of chapter twenty-  
2 seven of the revised statutes, is hereby amended  
3 so as to read as follows:

4 *Sect. 14.* The governor, by the advice and con-  
5 sent of the council, shall appoint an agent to fur-  
6 nish municipal officers of towns in this state and  
7 duly authorized agents of other states, with pure,  
8 unadulterated intoxicating liquors, to be kept and  
9 sold for medicinal, mechanical and manufacturing  
10 purposes. Said agent shall reside and have his  
11 place of business in this state, and hold his office

12 during the pleasure of the governor and council,  
13 and until another is appointed in his place. Before  
14 entering upon the duties of his office he shall give  
15 a bond to the state treasurer in the penal sum of  
16 twenty thousand dollars for the faithful perform-  
17 ance of his duties and compliance with such regu-  
18 lations and conditions as the governor and council  
19 may prescribe, which bond shall be for the benefit  
20 of the state and of such towns as may be injured  
21 by any breach of its conditions. He shall not sell  
22 any spirituous, intoxicating or fermented liquors  
23 to any municipal officers of this state, except such  
24 as have been tested by a competent assayist, and  
25 found to be pure, and shall not take of such offi-  
26 cers for such liquors sold to them, more than seven  
27 per centum above the cost thereof at the place  
28 where they were by him purchased. All purchases  
29 of liquors by him shall be made in the name of the  
30 state, under such regulations as the governor and  
31 council may establish, and paid for by the state  
32 treasurer on bills approved by the governor and  
33 council, and not otherwise. Such liquors shall at  
34 all times be kept insured in the name and for the  
35 benefit of the state to such extent as the governor  
36 and council may direct. The agent shall, at his  
37 own expense, provide a suitable store, furniture,

38 and apparatus for carrying on the business, and  
39 shall also heat and light the same, and shall receive  
40 as full compensation for the same and for all his  
41 services and clerk hire, the sum of two thousand  
42 dollars per annum, payable in quarterly install-  
43 ments by the state treasurer.

SECT. 2. Section fifteen of said chapter is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the word "commissioner"  
3 wherever it occurs, and inserting in place thereof  
4 the word "agent," so that said section as amended  
5 shall read as follows:

6 *Sect. 15.* Immediately after appointing such  
7 agent, the governor shall issue to the municipal  
8 officers of the towns of this state, a notice of the  
9 name and place of business of said agent, and such  
10 municipal officers shall purchase such intoxicating  
11 liquors as they may keep on sale for the purpose  
12 specified herein, of such agent, or of such other  
13 municipal officers as have purchased such intoxi-  
14 cating liquors of him, and of no other person or  
15 persons, except as provided in section twenty-three.

SECT. 3. Section seventeen of said chapter is  
2 hereby amended so as to read as follows:

3 *Sect. 17.* Said agent shall keep a record of the  
4 names of the towns to which liquors are sold, of  
5 the persons purchasing for said towns, the kind

6 and quantity sold to each, and the price paid for  
7 the same, and shall keep full and fair accounts of  
8 all receipts of money from all sales made by him,  
9 and of all expenditures for freights, government  
10 licenses and other expenses by him incurred in the  
11 transaction of the business in behalf of the state,  
12 and lay the same before the governor and council  
13 at the end of every quarter, and as much oftener as  
14 they shall require, and pay all moneys in his hands  
15 upon said accounts to the state treasurer. Such  
16 moneys, while in his charge, shall be deposited by  
17 him, and kept on deposit until drawn for payment  
18 to the state treasurer, in such bank or banks as the  
19 governor and council shall direct. Said agent shall  
20 also keep an invoice account and record of all  
21 purchases of liquors, specifying the kind and quan-  
22 tity of each, the price paid, and of whom pur-  
23 chased, which shall be open to inspection of all  
24 town and city officers. He shall make a full re-  
25 port of all his business, and the profits thereof, to  
26 the legislature annually on the first Wednesday of  
27 January.

SECT. 4. The agent first appointed under this  
2 act, and the revised statutes as amended by it,  
3 shall purchase in the name of and for the state the  
4 stock of liquors which the present liquor commis-

5 sioner then has remaining on hand, at the cost  
6 price thereof; *provided*, the same are of the quality  
7 herein specified, the bills thereof to be audited and  
8 paid as herein specified.

SECT. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent  
2 with this are hereby repealed.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

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.*