

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 47.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT for the better protection of life in buildings  
used for public purposes.

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

SECTION 1. Any church, theatre, hall or other  
2 building or structure intended to be used tempora-  
3 rily or permanently for any public purpose, or any  
4 school-house or school-room, public or private,  
5 hereafter constructed, shall have all inner doors  
6 intended to be used for egress therefrom open  
7 outwards.

SECT. 2. All outer doors of buildings or struc-  
2 tures of the kind mentioned in section one of this  
3 act, constructed or hereafter to be constructed,  
4 shall be kept open when such buildings or struc-

5 tures are used by the public, unless such doors  
6 open outwards, and except that fly doors opening  
7 both ways, may be kept closed.

SECT. 3. Whoever violates the provisions of sec-  
2 tion one or two of this act shall forfeit the sum of  
3 fifty dollars, and further sum of five dollars per  
4 day for every day's continuance thereof to be re-  
5 covered by and for the use of the town or city  
6 where such building is located, in an action on the  
7 case, or by indictment.

SECT. 4. Whenever complaint is made to the  
2 municipal officers of any town, that any building  
3 of the kind mentioned in section one, now or here-  
4 after to be constructed, is deficient in facilities for  
5 egress by reason of the inner doors thereof open-  
6 ing inwards, it shall be the duty of such municipal  
7 officers to give notice to all parties interested in  
8 said matter and to inspect such building, and if  
9 they find the same so deficient they shall notify the  
10 owner, occupant, lessee, or other person having  
11 charge thereof, and require of him such changes  
12 as shall be necessary to make said doors open out-  
13 wards, and such person shall be allowed thirty  
14 days to make such changes, and if he shall neglect  
15 or refuse to make the same within said time, he

16 shall forfeit the sum of fifty dollars, and an add  
17 tional sum of five dollars per day for every day's  
18 continuance of such neglect or refusal to comply,  
19 to be recovered by and for the use of the city or  
20 town where the building is located, in an action  
21 on the case or by indictment.

STATE OF MAINE.

In HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 9, 1881. }

Reported by Mr. EMERY, from Committee on Legal Affairs,  
and ordered printed under Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*