

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty - Second Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 41.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT for the protection of legitimate trade by  
actual residents of this state.

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

SECTION 1. Any person or persons or firms who,  
2 by themselves or their agents, shall bring into this  
3 state a stock of goods, wares or merchandise, and  
4 shall lease, hire or occupy any store, shop or room,  
5 for the sale thereof, and shall remain in such town  
6 or city for the purpose of such sale, for a space of  
7 time less than one year, shall pay to the municipal  
8 officers of such town or city, or to the treasurer  
9 thereof, for the use of such town or city, as license  
10 for such sale, a sum amounting to three (3) per

11 cent of the value of such stock of goods, wares  
12 and merchandise, as shall appear by a schedule  
13 which shall be furnished said municipal officers  
14 or treasurer of such town or city where the goods  
15 are exposed for sale.

SECT. 2. All subsequent invoices of goods, wares  
2 or merchandise received by such persons or their  
3 agents for sale shall be submitted to the municipal  
4 officers or to the treasurer, and such persons or  
5 agents shall pay to the said municipal officers or  
6 treasurer the same percentage thereon, as provided  
7 in section one of this bill, before such goods, wares  
8 or merchandise shall be exposed for sale.

SECT. 3. If such stocks of goods, wares or mer-  
2 chandise remain in such town or city on or after  
3 the first day of April of each year, thus being  
4 liable to ordinary taxation, such an amount of  
5 license, provided in sections one and two of this  
6 law, shall be refunded, as the assessors of such  
7 town or city may decide.

SECT. 4. In addition to the license for the sale  
2 of goods, wares or merchandise, as are referred to  
3 in the foregoing sections of this law, if such  
4 goods, wares or merchandise are offered for sale  
5 by public auction, then such parties or agents  
6 shall pay to the treasurer of such town or city for

7 its use, for each and every day such auction shall  
8 continue, the sum of five dollars, such payment to  
9 be made before such auction sale shall commence.

SECT. 5. Refusal to comply with the provisions  
2 of the foregoing sections of this law shall be pun-  
3 ished by a fine of not less than five dollars or more  
4 than twenty dollars for each and every day such  
5 goods, wares or merchandise are exposed for sale.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved  
2 by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 29, 1885. }

On motion of Mr. FOSS of Saco, laid on the table and ordered printed.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*