

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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[NEW DRAFT.]

Sixty-Second Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 193.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to Prohibit the Sale to Minors of Publica-
tions Devoted to Criminal News.

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

SECTION 1. Whoever knowingly sells, lends, gives
2 away, or shows to any minor child any book, pamph-
3 let, magazine, newspaper, or other printed paper
4 devoted to the publication, or principally made up
5 of criminal news, police reports, or accounts of
6 criminal deeds, or pictures and stories of lust and
7 crime; or circulates, posts, or causes to be circulated
8 or posted in any conspicuous or public place any
9 picture, hand bill or poster containing obscene, in-
10 decent, or immoral representations; or in any
11 manner hires, uses, or employs any minor child to

12 sell or give away, or in any manner to distribute;
13 or, who, having the care, custody, or control of any
14 minor child, permits such child to sell or give away,
15 or in any manner to distribute any book, magazine,
16 pamphlet, or newspaper coming within the first
17 paragraph of this section, shall be punished by
18 imprisonment in the county jail not more than six
19 months, or by fine not less than twenty-five dollars
20 nor more than one hundred dollars, or by both
21 imprisonment and fine.

SECT. 2. Judges of municipal and police courts
2 and trial justices shall have by complaint, juris-
3 diction of the offences mentioned in this act, original
4 and concurrent with the supreme judicial and
5 superior courts.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 28, 1885. }

Reported from Committee on Judiciary, by Mr. HEATH; ordered
printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk*