

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty - Second Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 203.

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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.

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

SECTION 1. Any person who shall bring into  
2 this State a stock of goods, wares or merchandise  
3 after the first day of April, and shall lease, hire or  
4 occupy any store, shop or room, for the sale thereof,  
5 and shall continue such sale in such town or city  
6 for a space of time less than one year, shall pay to  
7 the treasurer of such town or city, for the use of  
8 such town or city, as license for such sale, a sum  
9 equal to the percentage of the last preceding taxa-  
10 tion in such town or city, to be assessed upon such  
11 stock of goods, wares and merchandise, according

12 to the average quantity of such goods, wares and  
13 merchandise so kept for sale.

SECT. 2. If such stock of goods, wares or mer-  
2 chandise remains in such town or city on or after  
3 the first day of April following, thus being liable  
4 to ordinary taxation, such an amount of license,  
5 provided in section one of this act, shall be refunded  
6 by the treasurer at the time of the payment of the  
7 ordinary taxes on said goods, wares and merchan-  
8 dise.

SECT. 3. Any person having such goods, wares  
2 and merchandise for sale, as hereinbefore provided,  
3 shall, upon request of the assessors, render to them  
4 a true statement of the average quantity and value  
5 of such goods, wares and merchandise kept for  
6 sale, in the manner and for the time mentioned in  
7 section one of this act.

SECT. 4. Refusal to comply with the provisions  
2 of the foregoing sections of this act 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.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
March 4, 1895.

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

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*