

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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[NEW DRAFT.]

Sixty-Second Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 127.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to prevent the Introduction and Spread of Contagious and Malignant Diseases.

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

SECTION 1. The owner or owners of any dwell-
2 ing house, inn, or other building in any city or
3 town containing five hundred inhabitants, or more,
4 shall construct a privy or privies sufficient for the
5 use of the occupants of such building.

SECT. 2. All such privies shall have constructed
2 within or under them, a vault or vaults adequate to
3 receive and contain all excreta which may pass
4 therein.

SECT. 3. The materials of such vaults shall be
2 plank at least two inches thick, or brick and cement

3 or stone and cement made in a workman-like man-
4 ner, the bottom and sides to be water tight, with a
5 cover or trap through which the contents shall be
6 removed at appropriate times.

SECT. 4. The excreta and all the other contents
2 of such vaults shall be removed at least once in
3 every six months, and at any other times the select-
4 men or health officers may require.

SECT. 5. All such excreta and contents when
2 removed shall be placed upon the surface of some
3 field or garden, and covered with the soil.

SECT. 6. The owners of any building named in
2 section one, neglecting or refusing to construct
3 and maintain such privies and vaults, shall be fined
4 not less than twenty nor more than two hundred
5 dollars.

SECT. 7. The owners or occupants of such build-
2 ings, neglecting or refusing to remove the contents
3 of such vaults as provided in section three, shall
4 be punished by imprisonment not more than thirty
5 days or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SECT. 8. Such owners or occupants who shall
2 allow any privy, cess-pool, or any refuse injurious
3 to health, to collect and remain on premises owned
4 or occupied by him, after notice, shall be liable to
5 the penalties provided in section seven.

SECT. 9. The fines provided in section seven, 2 with costs of prosecution, may be recovered in an 3 action of debt to the use of the town where the 4 offence is committed.

SECT. 10. It shall be the duty of the selectmen 2 of towns and the mayors and health officers of 3 cities to enforce the provisions of this act; and for 4 any neglect of such officers so to do, after com- 5 plaint to them, they shall be individually liable to 6 a penalty of five dollars for every day's neglect, to 7 be recovered in an action of debt to the use of the 8 person first suing therefor.

SECT. 11. This act shall not apply to any build- 2 ing the privies of which are properly connected 3 with a public or private sewer.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 24, 1885. }

Reported by Mr. MARBLE, from Committee on Legal Affairs, and laid
on table to be printed under joint rule.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*