

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Third Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 241.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT amendatory of and additional to chapter
twenty-six of the Revised Statutes, relating to Fire
Escapes in and upon certain buildings.

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

SECTION 1. Section thirty of chapter twenty-six of
2 the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by insert-
3 ing after the word "date," in the fifth line thereof,
4 the words 'and a reasonable compensation for such
5 inspection and certificate shall be paid by the city
6 or town in which any such building is located,' so
7 that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘SECT. 30. Whenever the municipal officers or
9 engineers, upon inspection, find that proper safe-

10 guards and precautions for escape in case of fire,
11 or of alarm, have been provided, they shall give to
12 the occupant of such building a certificate, under
13 their hands, of such fact, which shall be valid for
14 one year only from its date; and a reasonable com-
15 pensation for such inspection shall be paid by the
16 city or town in which any such building is located,
17 by an order drawn upon its treasurer. Such offi-
18 cers shall return to the clerk's office of their town,
19 monthly, a list of such certificates by them issued,
20 which the clerk shall record in a suitable book.'

SECT. 2. Section thirty-one of chapter twenty-
2 six of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in the first and second lines, the
4 words "shall pay to such officer two dollars there-
5 for, and," so that said section as amended shall
6 read as follows:

'SECT. 31. Every person receiving such certifi-
8 cate shall keep such certificate posted in such
9 building. Such annual certificate, so posted, is
10 *prima facie* evidence of the inspection of such
11 building, and of the presence of such suitable safe-
12 guards and precautions. Every occupant of such
13 building who neglects or refuses to procure such
14 certificate, or to post the same as aforesaid, forfeits

15 ten dollars for every week that he so neglects and

16 refuses.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 10, 1887. }

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NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*