

# Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

### HOUSE.

No. 126.

# STATE OF MAINE.

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE.

AN ACT additional to Chapter Forty-nine of the Revised Statutes, relating to the payment of losses by Fire Insurance Companies.

SECTION 1. In any suit that may be brought in 2 this State against an insurance company, to re-3 cover for a total loss sustained by fire or other cas-4 ualty to real estate or buildings on the land of 5 another, the amount of damage shall be the amount 6 expressed in the contract as the sum insured, and 7 no other evidence shall be admitted on trial as to

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

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8 the value of the property insured; provided, when-9 ever there is a partial destruction or damage to the 10 property insured, it shall be the duty of the com-11 pany to pay the assured a sum of money equal to 12 the damage done to the property. And provided 13 further, that nothing in this section shall be con-14 strued to prevent the admission of testimony to 15 prove over-insurance fraudulently obtained.

SECT. 2. The insurance commissioner shall pro-2 vide a standard form of policy and contract for 3 companies insuring property in this State, and no 4 license shall be granted, and no company allowed to 5 do an insurance business, unless it shall conform to 6 the regulations of the insurance commissioner.

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent 2 with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, 3 and this act shall take effect from and after January 4 1, 1892.

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The Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the bill entitled "An Act additional to chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the payment of losses by fire insurance companies," have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the same ought not to pass.

MARTIN, for Committee.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.

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House of Representatives, February 20, 1891.

Tabled, pending acceptance of report, by Mr. CHADBOURNE of Biddeford; report and bill ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.