

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 34.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend Chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of  
the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, relat-  
ing to Hawkers and Peddlers.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter two hundred and nine-  
2 ty-eight of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-  
3 nine is hereby amended by striking out the words, "secretary  
4 of state shall," in the first line thereof, and insert in place of  
5 the same the words, 'county commissioners may, if they  
6 deem it advisable, after a public hearing,' and by striking

7 out the words, "in his office," in the third and fourth lines  
8 thereof, and inserting instead thereof the words, 'with them,'  
9 so that said section shall read as follows:

'Section 2. The county commissioners of any county may,  
11 if they deem it advisable, after a public hearing, grant a  
12 license to go about offering for sale and selling, by sample  
13 or otherwise, any goods, wares or merchandise, to any citi-  
14 zen of the United States who files with them a certificate  
15 signed by the mayor of a city, or by a majority of the select-  
16 men of a town, stating to their best knowledge and belief  
17 that the applicant therein named is of good moral charac-  
18 ter; but such license shall be granted to no other person.  
19 The mayor or selectmen before granting such certificate  
20 shall require the applicant to make oath that he is the person  
21 named therein and that he is a citizen of the United States,  
22 and the mayor or said selectmen are hereby authorized to  
23 administer said oath.'

Section 2. Section three of said chapter is hereby amended  
2 so as to read as follows:

'Section 3. Any citizen of the United States desiring a  
4 license to peddle in accordance with section two of this chap-  
5 ter, in any city, town or plantation, or any number of them,  
6 in this state, may at any time make written application to the  
7 county commissioners in which such cities, towns or planta-  
8 tions are situated, by filing the same with the clerk of courts  
9 for said county and depositing or securing the amount nec-  
10 essary for its publication, as hereinafter provided, including

11 a fee of one dollar for the personal use of said clerk, and  
12 thereupon such officer, in his capacity as clerk of said court  
13 of county commissioners, shall cause a notice that such  
14 application is pending and that a public hearing thereon will  
15 be held before said county commissioners at a regular or  
16 special term of said court, to be specified in said notice, to  
17 be published in same newspaper published in said county,  
18 in some town or city in which such license is prayed for, if  
19 there be any newspaper published therein, three weeks suc-  
20 cessively before the day of such hearing. Upon such hear-  
21 ing, if satisfied that such applicant is a person of good moral  
22 character and integrity and that it would be for the best  
23 good of such community that the prayer of the petition be  
24 granted, they may, upon payment of the specified fee, issue  
25 a license as prayed for.'

Sect. 3. Section four of said chapter is hereby amended  
2 so as to read as follows:

'Section 4. Every person licensed under the two preced-  
4 ing sections shall pay to the clerk of courts, in addition to  
5 the expense of publishing the notice on his application, for  
6 each city, town or plantation mentioned in his license, the  
7 sums following: for every plantation, one dollar; for every  
8 town containing not more than one thousand five hundred  
9 inhabitants, according to the United States census next pre-  
10 ceding the date of his license, three dollars; for towns con-  
11 taining more than one thousand five hundred and less than  
12 two thousand inhabitants, five dollars; and for every thou-

13 sand inhabitants in excess of two thousand, two dollars, pro-  
14 vided, that the sum so to be paid for any one town shall in no  
15 case exceed twenty dollars.’

Sect. 4. Section five of said chapter is hereby amended so  
2 as to read as follows:

‘Section 5. The clerk of courts shall immediately remit  
4 the amount of the license fee so received by him to the state  
5 treasurer.’

Sect. 5. Section six of said chapter is hereby amended so  
2 as to read as follows:

‘Section 6. In all cases the application shall remain on file  
4 with the clerk at least three weeks before license is granted,  
5 but no publication of notice on the same, or payment of the  
6 license fee, shall be required from honorably discharged sol-  
7 diers or sailors, their wives or widows, or blind American  
8 citizens. The proceedings otherwise, as to such applicants,  
9 shall be as provided in sections two and three of this  
10 chapter.’

Sect. 6. Section seven of said chapter is hereby amended  
2 so as to read as follows:

‘Section 7. The state treasurer and each clerk of courts  
4 shall severally keep a record of all licenses upon which the  
5 fee has been paid to them, with the number of each, the  
6 names and residences of the persons licensed, and the sums  
7 received therefor, and all such records shall be opened for  
8 public inspection.’

Sect. 7. Section eight of said chapter is hereby amended  
2 so as to read as follows:

‘Section 8. All sums paid to the state treasurer under this  
4 chapter shall be for the use of the state.’

Sect. 8. This act shall take effect May one, eighteen hun-  
2 dred and ninety-seven.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

February 3, 1897.

Reported by Mr. WALTON of Skowhegan, from Committee on Legal  
Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*