

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 160.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT additional to chapter thirty-one of the Revised Statutes relating to sales of property deposited in public warehouses on which the charges thereon shall not have been paid.

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

The following section is hereby added to chapter thirty-
2 one of the Revised Statutes:

‘Section 10. Whenever goods, merchandise or any
4 articles of personal property shall remain in a public ware-
5 house for one year after the expiration of the time for which
6 the charges thereon shall have been paid, the same may be
7 sold at public auction, subject to the following conditions:

8 The warehouse man shall first demand payment of the
9 charges thereon by letter directed to the person who shall
10 have deposited such goods, merchandise or articles of per-
11 sonal property in said warehouse, if such person shall have
12 left with the warehouse man his address to which the letter
13 may be directed. After such demand, or in cases where no
14 address shall have been given to the warehouse man to
15 which such letter may be directed, the warehouse man shall
16 give thirty days' notice of the time and place of sale in a
17 public newspaper published in the city or town where the
18 warehouse shall be, or if no public newspaper shall be pub-
19 lished in such city or town, then in any public newspaper
20 published in the county in which such city or town shall be;
21 said notices shall contain a brief description of the property
22 to be sold, with such marks thereon as may serve to identify
23 it, if it shall be so marked, together with the name of the
24 person depositing such articles in said warehouse and the
25 name of the owner thereof if known; and shall specify the
26 time after the expiration of said thirty days and the place,
27 which shall be in the city or town where the warehouse shall
28 be, at which the sale shall be made. The proceeds of such
29 goods, merchandise or articles of personal property so sold,
30 after deducting the charges thereon, including the cost of
31 publishing such notice and sale, shall be placed to the credit
32 of the owner of the goods, merchandise or other articles of
33 personal property sold if known, otherwise to the credit of
34 the person depositing said goods, merchandise or articles of
35 personal property, in the books of the warehouse man mak-

36 ing the sale, and shall be paid to the owner thereof on
37 demand, and the warehouse man shall not be liable for any
38 greater sum than shall be received from said sale, less said
39 charges thereon.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 12, 1897.

Reported by Mr. STEARNS, from Committee on the Judiciary, and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*