

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 366

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relative to the Desecration, Mutilation or Improper
Use of the Flag of the United States or of this State.

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

Section 1. Any person who in any manner, for exhibition
2 or display, places or causes to be placed any inscription,
3 device, advertisement or notice whatever upon any flag,
4 standard, color or ensign of the United States or state flag
5 of this State or who displays or exhibits or causes to be dis-
6 played or exhibited any flag, standard, color or ensign of the
7 United States or flag of this State upon which shall in any
8 manner be placed or affixed any inscription, device, advertise-

9 ment or notice whatever, or any person who shall attach to
10 or represent upon any goods, wares or merchandise, any imi-
11 tation or representation of the national flag of the United
12 States or use any imitation or representation of the national
13 flag of the United States for advertising purposes or who in
14 any manner mutilates, tramples upon or otherwise defaces or
15 defiles any of said flags, standards, colors or ensigns, whether
16 they are public or private property, shall be punished by a
17 fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars. Pro-
18 vided, however, that flags, standards, colors, or ensigns, the
19 property of or used in the service of the United States, or
20 of this State, may have inscriptions, names of actions, words,
21 marks or symbols, placed thereon pursuant to law or author-
22 ized regulations, and that associations organized by men who
23 have served in the army or navy of the United States may
24 place appropriate inscriptions upon flags borne by them or
25 used for memorial purposes, and duly appointed and accred-
26 ited committees of political parties, may during the campaign
27 preceding any election for president and vice-president of
28 the United States, attach the names of their respective can-
29 didates to the flag.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, March 16, 1899.

Reported by Mr. MELCHER of Portland, from Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk*.