

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 114

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend Section one of Chapter two hundred and sixty-seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, relating to Scientific Temperance Instruction in the Public Schools.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and sixty-  
2 seven, Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five is  
3 hereby amended by striking out all after the title thereof and  
4 inserting the following :

‘Section 1. That the nature of alcoholic drinks and other  
6 narcotics and their effects on the human system shall be taught  
7 in connection with the various divisions of physiology and

8 hygiene, as thoroughly as are other branches in all schools  
9 under state control or supported wholly or in part by public  
10 money, and also in all schools connected with reformatory  
11 institutions. All pupils in the above mentioned schools below  
12 the second year of the high schools and above the third year of  
13 school work, computing from the beginning of the lowest  
14 primary year, or in corresponding classes of ungraded schools,  
15 shall be taught and shall study this subject every year from  
16 suitable text-books in the hands of all pupils, for not less than  
17 four lessons a week for ten or more weeks of each year, and  
18 must pass the same tests in this as in other studies. In all  
19 schools above mentioned all pupils in the lowest three primary  
20 school years, or in corresponding classes in ungraded schools,  
21 shall each year be instructed in this subject orally for not less  
22 than three lessons a week for ten weeks in each year, by teach-  
23 ers using text-books adapted for such oral instruction as a  
24 guide and standard. The local school authorities shall pro-  
25 vide needed facility and definite time and place for this branch  
26 in the regular course of study. The text-books in the pupils'  
27 hands shall be graded to the capacities of the fourth year,  
28 intermediate, grammar and high school pupils, or to correspond-  
29 ing classes as found in ungraded schools. For students below  
30 high school grade such text-books shall give at least one-fifth  
31 their space, and for students of high school grade, shall give  
32 not less than twenty pages to the nature and effects of alcoholic  
33 drinks and narcotics. The pages on this subject, in a separate  
34 chapter at the end of the book, shall not be counted in deter-  
35 mining the minimum. In all normal schools, teachers' training

36 classes and teachers' institutes, adequate time and attention  
37 shall be given to instruction in the best methods of teaching  
38 this branch, and no teacher shall be licensed who has not passed  
39 a satisfactory examination in this subject and the best methods  
40 of teaching it. Any school officer or officers who shall neglect  
41 or fail to comply with the provisions of this act shall forfeit  
42 and pay for each offence the sum of not less than five dollars,  
43 nor more than twenty-five dollars.'

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

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 8, 1899.

Reported by Mr. PLUMMER from Committee on Education, and  
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.