

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 271

STATE OF MAINE,

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT to regulate the placing of permanent moorings in
harbors.

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

Section 1. Selectmen of towns, on request by any person
2 desiring mooring privileges or regulation of mooring privi-
3 leges for boats or vessels, shall annually appoint a harbor
4 master who shall be subject to all the duties and liabilities of
5 said office as prescribed by law, and in case of the failure or
6 refusal of said harbor master to perform said duties, he shall
7 be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars, for the benefit of
8 the town, for each wilful neglect or refusal to attend the
9 same. The selectmen may establish his compensation and
10 may for cause by them declared in writing, after due notice

11 to such officer and hearing thereon, if requested, remove him
12 and appoint another in his stead.

Sect. 2. In all harbors wherein channel lines have been
2 established by the municipal authorities, as provided in chap-
3 ter two hundred and fifty-nine of the Public Laws of 1901,
4 and in all other harbors where mooring rights of individuals
5 are claimed to be invaded and protection is sought of the
6 harbor master, it shall be the duty of the harbor master to
7 assign and to indicate to the master or owner of boats and
8 vessels the location which they may occupy with or for moor-
9 ing purposes, the kind of mooring to be used, and also to
10 change the location of said moorings from time to time when
11 the crowded condition of such harbor or other conditions
12 render such change desirable; and he shall assign mooring
13 privileges in such waters in all cases where individuals who
14 own the shore rights or have an interest in the same are com-
15 plainants, and shall locate suitable mooring privileges therefor
16 for boats and vessels, temporarily or permanently as the case
17 may be, fronting their land, if so requested, but not thereby
18 to encroach upon the natural channel, or channels established
19 by municipal authorities. The municipal officers shall fix the
20 compensation of the harbor master for such services ren-
21 dered.

Sect. 3. In case of the neglect or refusal of the master or
2 owner of any boat or vessel, to remove his mooring or to
3 replace it by one of different character, when so directed by
4 the harbor master, said harbor master shall cause said moor-
5 ing to be removed, or shall make such change in the character
6 thereof as required, and shall collect from the master or
7 owner of such boat or vessel the sum of two dollars for either
8 of such services rendered, and also the necessary expenses.

Sect. 4. Section sixty-four of the Revised Statutes, chap-
2 ter three, is hereby repealed.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 6, 1903.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*