

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 445

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT in relation to employment agencies.

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

Section 1. No person shall open, keep or carry on any
2 employment agency unless he shall first procure from the
3 municipal officers of the city or town where said agency is
4 to be located a license for the same, which license shall be
5 issued by the municipal officers upon the payment of twenty
6 dollars for the use of said city or town. Such license shall
7 be signed by one or more of the municipal officers and shall
8 be issued for the term of one year from its date and shall
9 apply only to the person to whom it is issued.

Sect. 2. Every person applying for a license as provided
2 in the preceding section shall file with said municipal officers
3 a bond in favor of the inhabitants of the city or town wherein
4 such application is made in the sum of five hundred dollars,
5 with surety approved by the municipal officers, conditioned
6 that the obligor shall not violate any of the provisions of this
7 act. The municipal officers are hereby given authority,
8 after such notice and hearing as they may deem necessary,
9 to revoke the license of any person, when, in their judgment,
10 said licensed person have violated any of the provisions of
11 this act. The decision of the municipal officers shall be
12 final.

Sect. 3. Every licensed person shall give to each applicant
2 for employment from whom a fee or other valuable thing
3 shall be received for procuring such employment, which fee
4 or other valuable thing shall in no case exceed the value of
5 one dollar, said fee being in full compensation for all services
6 of said licensed person, a receipt in which shall be stated the
7 name of the applicant, the amount of the fee or other valu-
8 able thing, the date, the name or nature of the employment
9 or situation to be procured and a separate receipt in which
10 shall be stated the name and address of the person, firm or
11 corporation, to whom the applicant is referred or sent for
12 work or employment. If the applicant does not obtain a
13 situation or employment through the agency or such licensed
14 person, without fault on the part of said applicant, within
15 six days after the application as aforesaid, said employment

16 agency shall return to such applicant on demand the full
17 amount of the fee or other valuable thing so paid and
18 delivered by said applicant to said licensed person. If a
19 person procuring a position through the agency, as afore-
20 said, is discharged from his employment within six days
21 after entering therein, without cause or if he shall leave said
22 employment within said six days without fault on the part
23 of the employer, the amount paid to said agency by either
24 the employer or employee, shall be returned to the party
25 paying the same, upon demand made within ten days after
26 said employee ceases to labor, provided the party claiming
27 said return shall be the one without fault.

Said employment agency shall exhibit in a public and con-
29 spicuous place in his place or office the license which he has
30 obtained from the municipal officers of the city or town
31 wherein said agency is established.

Sect. 4. The term "person" in this act shall include per-
2 sons, company, society, association, firm or corporation and
3 the term "employment agency" shall include the business of
4 keeping the intelligence office, employment bureaus or other
5 agencies by procuring work or employment for persons
6 seeking employment, or for acting as agent for procuring
7 such work or employment where a fee or other valuable
8 thing is exacted, charged or received, or for procuring or
9 assisting to procure employment, work or a situation of any
10 kind or for procuring or providing hereby for any person.

Sect. 5. This act shall not apply to the employment of
2 seamen.

Sect. 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are
2 hereby repealed.

Sect. 7. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this act
2 shall be fined not less than ten or more than one hundred
3 dollars to be recovered by complaint or indictment for the
4 use of the state.

Sect. 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, March 8, 1907.

Reported by Mr. JOY from Committee on Labor, and ordered
printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*