

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 170

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT requiring steam plants in school buildings, churches,
and other public buildings, to be in charge of competent
persons.

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

Section 1. Whenever any school building, church, or other
2 public building, is heated by a steam plant, located in, under,
3 or near such building, such steam plant shall be in charge of
4 a person qualified as provided by this act.

Sect. 2. The municipal officers of any town or city in which
2 any of the buildings enumerated in the preceding section,
3 heated by steam, are located, shall require the person or per-
4 sons contemplating taking charge of the steam plant for such
5 purpose, to be first examined by them, and they shall require

33 a conspicuous place in or near the room in which the boiler
34 to be operated is located.

Sect. 3. It shall be unlawful for the municipal officers of
2 any city or town to issue the certificate provided for by this
3 act without receiving proof that the person to whom such
4 certificate is issued has had experience in such work, and is
5 in all respects qualified to discharge the duties referred to in
6 the certificate granted, and is also of temperate habits.

Sect. 4. Whenever the municipal officers of any town or
2 city receive notice in writing, signed by ten or more of the
3 residents thereof, stating that the person in charge of a steam
4 plant located in, under, or near, any school building, church,
5 or other public building, situated in said city or town, and
6 furnishing or supplying heat for such building, is incompetent
7 for the discharge of such duties, or by reason of negligence,
8 intemperance, or any other cause, ought not longer to remain
9 in charge of such steam plant, it shall be the duty of said
10 municipal officers to immediately suspend temporarily the
11 authority of such person to act in said capacity; and until
12 the investigation herein provided can be made, shall cause a
13 person qualified as provided by this act to be placed in charge
14 of said steam plant; and said municipal officers shall as soon
15 thereafter as practicable, cause an investigation of such com-
16 plaint to be made, and shall thereupon inquire into the habits
17 and qualifications of the person so complained of, and if such
18 person is, for any reason, found to be incompetent or unsuit-
19 able to longer remain in charge of said steam plant, said
20 municipal officers shall immediately cause the certificate

21 granted under the provisions of this act, to be revoked, and
22 notice of such revocation shall be filed with the clerk of
23 such city or town, and thereupon said municipal officers
24 shall, if such plant is under their control, place a person
25 qualified as herein provided, in charge thereof; and if such
26 steam plant is not in charge of such municipal officers, they
27 shall give the person or corporation having the control of
28 such steam plant, notice of their findings, and if such person
29 or corporation having control of such steam plant, shall,
30 after the receipt of such findings, neglect or refuse to cause
31 said steam plant to be placed in charge of some person quali-
32 fied under the provisions of this act, such person or corpo-
33 ration shall be subject to the penalties herein provided.

Sect. 5. Every person violating any of the provisions of
2 this act shall be subject to indictment, and upon conviction
3 thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$50.00, or
4 imprisonment for a term not exceeding ninety days, or both,
5 as the court in which such conviction is obtained, shall deter-
6 mine.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect the first day of Septem-
2 ber in the year 1907.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 1, 1907.

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

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.