## MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 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

6 him to produce before them proof of his competency to have 7 charge of such steam plant; and unless the person so apply-8 ing has been licensed as an engineer, or has had previous 9 experience as a machinist, or as an engineer of a steam plant, 10 he shall be required to satisfy said municipal officers that he 11 possesses the requisite qualifications and experience to assume 12 charge of the particular plant which he desires permission to 13 operate; and if said municipal officers, after such examina-14 tion, are satisfied that the applicant possesses the requisite 15 qualifications for such work, and is of temperate habits, they, 16 or the majority thereof, shall issue under their hands a cer-17 tificate in the following form:

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19 City (or) Town of.....

This is to certify that having made application to 21 the municipal officers of the city (or) town of , for 22 permission to take charge of, and operate a steam plant 23 located in said city (or) town, viz: (here describe the nature 24 of the steam plant of which the applicant is authorized to 25 have charge, and its location); and having produced evidence 26 of his competency to act in said capacity, we have issued to 27 him this certificate as provided by chapter of the Public 28 Laws, approved on the day of March, 1907.

Said certificate when issued shall be filed in the office of 30 the city or town clerk, and such clerk shall issue and deliver 31 to said applicant a duly attested copy of such certificate, and 32 the copy so issued shall be posted by the holder thereof, in 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 II 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

granted under the provisions of this act, to be revoked, and 22 notice of such revocation shall be filed with the clerk of 33 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.

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IN SENATE, March 1, 1907.

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