

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 721

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Maine Collateral Loan Company.

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*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. William H. Gardner, John C. Warren, Samuel  
2 D. Plummer, John A. Snow and Benjamin Coffin, their  
3 associates and successors, are hereby incorporated under  
4 the name of the Maine Collateral Loan Company, to be  
5 located in Portland. Said company shall loan on pledge  
6 or on mortgage of personal property only.

Sect. 2. The capital stock of said company, to be raised  
2 by subscription, shall not exceed one hundred thousand  
3 dollars to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars  
4 each. It shall have power of borrowing on its own notes,  
5 not to exceed the amount of its capital paid in.

Sect. 3. When fifty thousand dollars has been subscribed  
2 and ten thousand dollars thereof has been paid in, the stock-  
3 holders may organize and proceed to business under this  
4 charter.

Sect. 4. The Maine Collateral Loan Company shall have  
2 power to establish five branch offices in the State of Maine.

Sect. 5. When the company has disposable funds, it shall  
2 loan on all goods and chattels embraced within its rules  
3 and regulations, in the order in which they are presented,  
4 with this exception, that it may always discriminate in  
5 favor of small loans to the indigent. The maximum inter-  
6 est charge made by said company to borrowers shall not  
7 exceed one and one-half per cent per month, provided, how-  
8 ever, that upon loans of ten dollars and under the company  
9 shall be entitled to interest for six months at said rate when  
10 the debt is paid before the expiration of that period.

Sect. 6. The government of said company shall be in a  
2 board of seven directors, who shall be chosen by the stock-  
3 holders at their annual meeting, and the board thus created  
4 shall elect one of its members as president, and shall elect  
5 such other officers and agents as may be deemed necessary.

Sect. 7. All loans shall be for a time fixed, not to exceed  
2 one year, and the pawner shall have the right to redeem  
3 his property pledged, at any time within the specified period,  
4 on payment of the loan and rate of compensation.

Sect. 8. If any pledged property is not redeemed within  
2 the time limited, the same shall be sold at public auction;

3 and the net surplus, after paying loan, charges and ex-  
4 penses of all kinds, shall be held one year for the owner.

Sect. 9. The stockholders of said company may, from  
2 time to time, establish such by-laws, rules and regulations,  
3 for conducting the business of said company as they deem  
4 necessary, not inconsistent with the laws of this State.

Sect. 10. The stock of this company shall be transferable  
2 only at said company's office and on its books.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 19, 1909.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*