SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 217

In Senate, March 20, 1911.

Reported by Mr. Irving from Committee on Taxation and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. C. HANSON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section 42 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 167 of the Public Laws of 1907, and as further amended by Chapter 152 of the Public Laws of 1909, relating to taxation of Express Companies.

Whereas, the tax assessed under this act must be assessed on or before the fifteenth day of June next, and whereas in the opinion of the Legislature this fact renders the immediate passage of this act necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety and constitutes an emergency within the meaning of the constitution, now therefore,

Be it cnacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows: Section 1. Section forty-two of chapter eight of the re-2 vised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and sixty-

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3 seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seven, and 4 as further amended by chapter one hundred and fifty-two 5 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nine, is hereby 6 further amended by striking out, in lines eight and ten of 7 said section, the word "three" and inserting in place thereof 8 the word 'four,' so that said section as amended shall read 9 as follows:

'Sect. 42. Every corporation, company or person doing 11 express business on any railroad, steamboat or vessel in the 12 state, shall, annually, before the first day of May, apply to 13 the treasurer of state for a license authorizing the carrying 14 on of said business, and any such corporation, company or 15 person, neglecting to make application as aforesaid, forfeits 16 fifty dollars, to be recovered by action of debt in the name 17 of the state; every such corporation, company or person 18 shall annually pay to the treasurer of state four per cent of 19 the gross receipts of said business for the year ending on 20 the first day of April preceding. Said four per cent shall 21 be on all business done in the state, including a proportional 22 part on all express business coming from other states or 23 countries into this state, and all going from this state to 24 other states or countries, provided, however, that nothing 25 herein applies to goods or merchandise in transit through 26 the state.'