

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT prohibiting certain forms of prostitution and for
the competency of certain evidence at the trial thereof.

Section 1. Any person who shall procure a female in-
2 mate for a house of prostitution; or who shall induce, per-
3 suade, encourage, enveigle, or entice a female person to be-
4 come a prostitute; or who by promises, threats of violence,
5 or by any device or scheme, shall cause, induce, persuade,
6 enveigle, take, place, harbor, encourage or entice a female
7 person to become an inmate of a house of prostitution, or
8 assignation place, or any place where prostitution is prac-
9 tised, encouraged, or allowed; or any person who by prom-
10 ises, threats, violence, or by any device or scheme, shall

11 cause, induce, persuade, encourage, enveigle or entice an
12 inmate of a house of prostitution or place of assignation
13 to remain therein as such inmate, or any person who, by
14 promises, threats, violence, by any device or scheme, by
15 fraud or artifice, or by duress of person or goods, or by
16 abuse of any position of confidence or authority, or having
17 legal charge, shall take, place, harbor, enveigle, entice, per-
18 suade, encourage or procure any female person to enter any
19 place within this state in which prostitution is practised, en-
20 couraged or allowed, for the purpose of prostitution or for
21 any other immoral purpose; or any person who shall en-
22 veigle, entice, persuade, encourage or procure any female
23 person to come into this state or leave this state for the pur-
24 pose of prostitution or for any other immoral purpose; or
25 who takes or detains a female with the intent to compel her
26 by force, threats, menace, or duress to marry him or to
27 marry any other person or to be defiled; or upon the pre-
28 tense of marriage takes or detains a female person for the
29 purpose of sexual intercourse; or who shall receive or give
30 or agree to receive or give any money or thing of value for
31 procuring or attempting to procure any female person to be-
32 come a prostitute or to come into this state or leave this
33 state for the purpose of prostitution or for any other im-
34 moral purpose shall be guilty of a felony, and on convic-
35 tion thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the peni-
36 tentiary for a term of not less than two years nor more than
37 twenty years.

Sect. 2. Any person who by force, fraud, intimidation or
2 threats places or leaves, or procures any other person or
3 persons to place or leave, his wife in a house of prostitu-
4 tion or to lead a life of prostitution shall be guilty of a fel-
5 ony, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by impris-
6 onment in the penitentiary for a term of not less than two
7 years nor more than twenty years.

Sect. 3. Any person who shall knowingly accept, receive,
2 levy or appropriate any money or other valuable thing,
3 without consideration, from the proceeds of the earnings
4 of any woman engaged in prostitution, shall be guilty of a
5 felony, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by im-
6 prisonment in the penitentiary for a term of not less than
7 two years or more than twenty years. Any such accept-
8 ance, receipt, levy or appropriation of such money or val-
9 uable thing, shall, upon any proceeding or trial for violation
10 of this section, be presumptive evidence of lack of consid-
11 eration.

Sect. 4. Any person who attempts to detain any female
2 person in a house of prostitution, assignation place, or any
3 place where prostitution is practised, encouraged or allowed,
4 because of any debt or debts she has contracted, or is said
5 to have contracted, shall be guilty of a felony and on con-
6 viction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the
7 penitentiary for not less than two years nor more than twen-
8 ty years.

Sect. 5. Any person who shall knowingly transport or

2 cause to be transported, or aid or assist in obtaining trans-
3 portation for, by any means of conveyance into, through or
4 across this state, any female person for the purpose of pros-
5 titution or for any other immoral purpose, or with the in-
6 tent and purpose to induce, entice or compel such female
7 person to become a prostitute, shall be guilty of a felony,
8 and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprison-
9 ment in the penitentiary for a term of not less than two
10 years nor more than twenty years. Any person who com-
11 mits the crime mentioned in this section may be prosecuted,
12 indicted, tried and convicted in any county or city in or
13 through which he shall have transported or attempted to
14 transport any female person as aforesaid.

Sect. 6. It shall not be a defense to a prosecution for any
2 of the acts prohibited in the foregoing sections that any
3 part of such act or acts shall have been committed outside
4 this state, and the offense in such case shall be deemed and
5 alleged to have been committed and the offender tried and
6 punished in any county in which the prostitution was intend-
7 ed to be practised or in which the offense was consummated,
8 or any overt act in furtherance of the offense shall have
9 been committed.

Sect. 7. Any such female person referred to in the fore-
2 going sections shall be a competent witness in any prosecu-
3 tion under this act to testify for or against the accused as
4 to any transaction or as to any conversation with the ac-
5 cused or by him with another person or persons in her pres-

6 ence, notwithstanding her having married the accused be-
7 fore or after the violation of any of the provisions of this
8 Act, whether called as a witness during the existence of the
9 marriage or after its dissolution.

Sect. 8. In any prosecution under this Act evidence of
2 the general reputation or common fame of a house or place
3 shall be admissible for the purpose of proving that the house
4 or place is one of ill-fame, prostitution or assignation.