

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 306

House of Representatives, Feb. 21, 1913.

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Eden and ordered printed.*

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT in relation to the observance of the Lord's Day.

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

Section 1. Section twenty-five of chapter one hundred and
2 twenty-five of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by
3 adding to said section the following words: 'except that the
4 mayor of a city or the selectmen of a town may grant, upon
5 such terms and conditions as they deem reasonable, a license
6 for theatrical exhibitions, public motion picture shows and
7 public entertainments, to be held on the Lord's day as shall
8 be in keeping with the character of the day and not incon-
9 sistent with its due observance, to which admission is ob-
10 tained upon payment of money or some other pecuniary or

11 valuable consideration; such license to be issued subject to
12 such terms or conditions as the mayor or selectmen may
13 prescribe; provided, however, that no such license to be
14 exercised on the Lord's day shall be granted to have effect
15 before one o'clock in the afternoon, nor unless the pro-
16 posed public entertainment shall be approved in writing by
17 the mayor or selectmen as being in keeping with the char-
18 acter of the day and is not inconsistent with its due observ-
19 ance; and any such license may after notice and hearing
20 by the mayor or selectmen issuing the same, be suspended,
21 revoked or annulled by him or them, and no such exhibi-
22 tion, show or entertainment shall be given without such li-
23 cense'; so that the said section as amended shall read as
24 follows:

'Sect. 25. Whoever, on the Lord's day, keeps open his
26 shop, workhouse, warehouse or place of business, travels,
27 or does any work, labor or business on that day, except
28 works of necessity or charity, uses any sport, game or rec-
29 reation; or is present at any dancing, public diversion, show
30 or entertainment, encouraging the same, shall be punished
31 by a fine not exceeding ten dollars; except that the mayor of
32 a city or the selectmen of a town may grant, upon such
33 terms and conditions as they deem reasonable, a license for
34 theatrical exhibitions, public motion picture shows and pub-
35 lic entertainments, to be held on the Lord's day as shall be
36 in keeping with the character of the day and not inconsistent
37 with its due observance, to which admission is obtained upon

38 payment of money or some other pecuniary or valuable con-
39 sideration; such license to be issued subject to such terms
40 or conditions as the mayor or selectmen may prescribe; pro-
41 vided, however, that no such license to be exercised on the
42 Lord's day shall be granted to have effect before one o'clock
43 in the afternoon, nor unless the proposed public entertain-
44 ment shall be approved in writing by the mayor or select-
45 men as being in keeping with the character of the day and
46 is not inconsistent with its due observance; and any such
47 license may after notice and hearing by the mayor or se-
48 lectmen issuing the same, be suspended, revoked or an-
49 nulled by him or them, and no such exhibition, show or en-
50 tertainment shall be given without such license.'