

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 481

House of Representatives, March 12, 1913.

Introduced by Mr. Bowman of Vinalhaven, under suspension of the rules, by Mr. Bowman of Vinalhaven tabled for printing pending reference to a committee.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT providing for the Inspection of Bakeries and
Confectioneries.

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

Section 1. All buildings occupied for bakeries and con-
2 fectionery establishments, and all buildings or rooms con-
3 nected with, or part of such bakeries or confectionery estab-
4 lishments and used for storage of goods that are intended
5 to be used in the preparation of the products of such estab-
6 lishments or for storage of the products of such establish-
7 ments shall be well drained, and all plumbing therein, if
8 any, shall be constructed in accordance with well estab-

9 lished sanitary principles and of good workmanship; and
10 the rooms thereof used for the manufacture, storage, or
11 sale of bread and other food products, or for the storage
12 of goods that are intended to be used in the preparation of
13 such bread and other food products, shall be light, dry and
14 airy.

Sect. 2. No water closet, earth closet, privy, urinal or
2 ash pit shall be within the bake room or any other room
3 used in the manufacture of bread or other food products
4 in any bakery or confectionery establishment. All water-
5 closets, urinals, or privies connected with, part of, or with-
6 in any building used as a bakery or confectionery shall be
7 so arranged that gases or odors out of said closets, urinals,
8 or privies connected with, part of, or within any closets,
9 urinals, or privies cannot enter into any room used in the
10 production or storage of food in any bakery or confec-
11 tionery, and such closets, privies, or urinals shall be
12 equipped with efficient natural or mechanical means or re-
13 moving all odors or gases into the outer air.

Sect. 3. All bakeries and confectioneries shall be pro-
2 vided with ample toilet facilities apart from the utensils
3 used in the production of said foods to enable the work-
4 men employed therein to keep their persons clean. Said
5 bakeries and confectioneries shall also be provided with a
6 separate place to enable the workmen to change their clothes
7 and keep the same in a proper condition. The air within
8 such bakery or confectionery establishment shall at all times

9 be kept pure and free from noxious odors and harmful
10 gases.

Sect. 4. No room used as a bakery or confectionery shall
2 be used as a habitation or sleeping place by any person,
3 and such rooms used as bakeries and confectioneries shall
4 not be used for any purpose except those incidental to the
5 manufacture, storage, or sale of the products of such bakery
6 or confectionery establishments.

All persons engaged in the manufacture of bread or other
8 food products in bakery or confectionery establishments
9 shall provide themselves with caps and slippers or shoes
10 and an external suit of washable material, and wear these
11 garments while engaged in the preparation, packing, or
12 handling of food in or about bakeries or confectioneries,
13 said garments to be used for that purpose only and to be
14 kept at all times in a clean condition.

No food shall be prepared, handled, or cared for in any
16 unclean manner or near any filthy object in any bakery or
17 confectionery establishment, nor by any person wearing
18 filthy clothing, nor by any person afflicted with a loathsome
19 or venereal disease. No person shall befoul any room or
20 any utensil used in the preparation of food in any bakery
21 or confectionery establishment.

Sect. 5. No person shall work or be employed in or about
2 any bakery or confectionery establishment for the manu-
3 facture of food products during the time in which a case
4 of contagious or infectious disease exists in the house in

5 which such person resides, and not thereafter until such
6 house has been properly disinfected; Provided, That such
7 persons may be employed if the local board of health issue
8 a certificate in writing that no danger of public contagion
9 or infection would result from the employment of said
10 person in such establishment.

Sect. 6. After the passage of this act no new bakery or
2 confectionery establishment shall be established or operated
3 in a room the floor of which is more than five feet below
4 the level of the street, sidewalk or adjacent ground, nor
5 in any room the ceiling of which is less than eight feet
6 high from the floor and no bake shop nor confectionery
7 shall be reopened in such a room where the same has not
8 been used for a period over six months.

Sect. 7. It shall be the duty of the State Department of
2 Labor and Industry to enforce the provisions of this act,
3 Provided, That this shall not prevent or interfere with the
4 State Board of Health or any local board of health in the
5 enforcement of any law now in force or that may be here-
6 after enacted relating to the public health, pure food,
7 unsanitary conditions or contagious diseases. It shall be
8 the duty of all local boards of health to render such assist-
9 ance as may be required of them by the Commissioners of
10 Labor in the enforcement of this act.

Sect. 8. The Commissioner of Labor is authorized to
2 issue a certificate of satisfactory inspection to a person
3 conducting a bakery or confectionery where such bakery

4 or confectionery is conducted in compliance with all the
5 provisions of this act.

Sect. 9. The owner, agent or lessee of any property used
2 for a bakery or confectionery shall make the alterations
3 or additions necessary within such time as said alterations
4 can be made with proper diligence upon the part of such
5 proprietors, and notice to the last known address of such
6 owner, agent or lessee, shall be deemed sufficient for the
7 purpose of this act.

Sect. 10. A copy of this act shall be conspicuously posted
2 and kept posted in each workroom of every bakery and
3 confectionery establishment in this State.

Sect. 11. Any person who violates any of the provisions
2 of this act or refuses to comply with any requirements as
3 provided herein, of the Commissioner of Labor or his au-
4 thorized agent who is hereby charged with the enforce-
5 ment of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on
6 conviction shall be fined not less than twenty dollars nor
7 more than fifty dollars for the first offence; and not less
8 than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, for a
9 second offence, and for a third offence, by a fine of not less
10 than one hundred dollars and not more than thirty days
11 imprisonment in the county jail.