

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 25

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*In Senate, January 15, 1913.*

*Presented by Senator Conant of Waldo, and on motion by same Senator laid on the table for printing pending reference to a Committee.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to punish the making or use of false statements to  
obtain property or credit.

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

Section 1. Any person,

Who shall knowingly make or cause to be made, either  
3 directly or indirectly, or through any agency whatsoever,  
4 any false statement in writing, with intent that it shall be  
5 relied upon, respecting the financial condition, or means or  
6 ability to pay, of himself, or any other person, firm or cor-  
7 poration, in whom he is interested, or for whom he is act-  
8 ing, for the purpose of procuring in any form whatsoever,  
9 either the delivery of personal property, the payment of

10 cash, the making of a loan or credit, the extension of a  
11 credit, the discount of an account receivable, or the making,  
12 acceptance, discount, sale or endorsement of a bill of ex-  
13 change, or promissory note, for the benefit of either him-  
14 self or of such person, firm or corporation; or

Who, knowing that a false statement in writing has been  
16 made, respecting the financial condition or means or ability  
17 to pay, of himself, or such person, firm or corporation in  
18 which he is interested, or for whom he is acting, procures,  
19 upon the faith thereof, for the benefit either of himself,  
20 or of such person, firm or corporation, either or any of the  
21 things of benefit mentioned in the first sub-division of this  
22 section; or

Who, knowing that a statement in writing has been made,  
24 respecting the financial condition or means or ability to  
25 pay of himself or such person, firm or corporation, in which  
26 he is interested, or for whom he is acting, represents on a  
27 later day, either orally or in writing, that such statement  
28 theretofore made, if then again made on said day, would  
29 be then true, when in fact, said statement if then made  
30 would be false, and procures upon the faith thereof, for the  
31 the benefit either of himself or of such person, firm or cor-  
32 poration, either or any of the things of benefit mentioned in  
33 the first sub-division of this section:

Shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by  
35 a fine of not exceeding one thousand dollars, and imprison-  
36 ment for not more than one year.