

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 395

In Senate, Feb. 27, 1913.

*Reported by Senator Dutton from Committee on Judiciary,
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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

Section 1. Any person, who shall knowingly make or
2 cause to be made, either directly or indirectly, or through
3 any agency whatsoever, any false statement in writing, by
4 him signed, with intent that it shall be relied upon, respect-
5 ing the financial condition, or means or ability to pay, of
6 himself, or any other person, firm or corporation of which
7 him he is a member or of which corporation he is an offi-
8 cer, or for which person, firm or corporation he is acting,

9 for the purpose of procuring in any form whatsoever, either
10 the delivery of personal property, the payment of cash, the
11 making of a loan or credit, the extension of a credit, the
12 discount of an account receivable, or the making, acceptance,
13 discount, sale or endorsement of a bill of exchange, or
14 promissory note, for the benefit of either himself or of such
15 person, firm or corporation; or

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

Who knowing that any such statement in writing has been
25 so made and signed respecting the financial condition or
27 means or ability to pay of himself or such person, firm or
28 corporation of which firm he is a member or of which cor-
29 poration he is an officer, or for which person, firm or cor-
30 poration he is acting, represents on a later day in writing
31 by him signed, that such statement theretofore made, if then
32 again made on said day, would be then true, when in fact,
33 said statement if then made would be false, and procures
34 upon the faith thereof, for the benefit either of himself or
35 of such person, firm or corporation, either or any of the

36 things of benefit mentioned in the first sub-division of this
37 section :

Shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by
39 a fine of not exceeding one thousand dollars or imprisonment
40 for not more than one year.