

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 573

In Senate, March 21, 1913.

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Public Health, and on motion by Senator Packard of Knox laid on the table for printing pending reference in concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT for the better protection of the needy and deserving.

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

Section 1. The governor and executive council on behalf
2 of the state are hereby authorized to convey by good and
3 sufficient deed the state armory at Bangor, Maine, to an
4 association hereby organized for that purpose.

Sect. 2. George G. Emery of Sanford, Ira G. Hersey of
2 Houlton, Thomas Hogan of Portland, Harry Austin of
3 Phillips, James Kelleher of Portland and J. Fred O'Connell
4 of Milford are hereby constituted a body corporate by the
5 name of the society for helping needy and broken-down

6 sports. They are hereby given all the powers conferred
7 upon religious associations organized under the general law.
8 As the title to the arsenal property is in the state of Maine,
9 and not subject to the prohibitory law, said incorporators
10 may erect and maintain a brewery in connection with said
11 home, as it would be cruel to the prospective inmates to
12 deprive them of that to which they have become accus-
13 tomed.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

In these days when so many charitable and benevolent institutions are springing up in our midst, and when nearly all needy and deserving persons are being cared for, there is one class which has been forgotten. That class is very deserving and worthy, composed of broken-down and decrepit sports: those who have used their talents and energies in obtaining the good things of life for themselves and their friends; those who have scattered roses along life's pathway; those who have lived and not merely existed; those who have loved, not once but many times; those who have laughed in merry, mirthful company, not mourned in darkened rooms; those who have felt the exhilaration of good wine, good company and good music; those who have looked into laughing eyes and tasted the red, ripe lips of the maiden whose glances are a challenge and whose every movement is a lure. When those persons have passed into the twilight of life, and have more memories than money, more to look back upon and than to look forward to, and are passe, all in, down and out, it is then that they should have care comfort, and contentment, and such is the object of the accompanying bill.