

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 3

House of Representatives, Jan. 20, 1915.

Ordered, that five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Committee of Reference.

Presented by Mr. Pierce of Houlton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

AN ACT to amend section twenty-five of chapter one hundred and twenty-five of the Revised Statutes relating 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
2 and twenty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended
3 by adding thereto the following: "The provisions of this
4 section shall not be held to prohibit the manufacture and
5 distribution of steam, gas or electricity for illuminating pur-
6 poses, heat or motive power, nor the distribution of water
7 for fire or domestic purposes, nor the use of the telegraph

8 or the telephone, nor the retail sale of drugs and medi-
9 cines, nor articles ordered in the prescription of a physi-
10 cian, or mechanical appliances used by physicians or sur-
11 geons, nor the retail sale of tobacco in any of its forms by
12 licensed innholders, common victualers, druggists and news-
13 dealers, whose stores are open for the sale of newspapers
14 every day in the week, nor the retail sale of ice cream, soda
15 water and confectionery, by licensed innholders, and drug-
16 gists, and by such licensed common victualers as are au-
17 thorized to keep open their places of business on the Lord's
18 day, nor the letting or use of horses and carriages, or auto-
19 mobiles or of yachts and boats, nor the running of steam
20 ferry boats or steamboats on established routes, nor the
21 running of street railway cars or the operation of steam
22 railroads, nor the preparation, printing and publication of
23 newspapers, nor the sale and delivery of newspapers, nor
24 the wholesale or retail sale and delivery of milk, nor the
25 transportation of milk, nor the making of butter and cheese,
26 nor the keeping open of public bath houses, nor the making
27 or selling by bakers or their employees, before ten o'clock
28 in the morning and between the hours of four o'clock and
29 half past six o'clock in the evening, of bread or other food
30 usually dealt in by them, and the municipal officers of any
31 city or town may grant, upon such terms and conditions as
32 they deem reasonable, a license for such public amusements,
33 to be held on the Lord's day, as they may deem of benefit to
34 the public health, and the public good, and not inconsistent

35 with the due observance of the Lord's day, to which ad-
36 mission is obtained upon payment of money or some other
37 pecuniary or valuable consideration. Such license shall be
38 issued subject to such terms or conditions as the municipal
39 officers of said city or town may prescribe, but no such
40 license shall be granted to have effect before one o'clock
41 in the afternoon, nor unless the proposed exhibition, show,
42 or amusement shall be approved in writing by the munici-
43 pal officers, and any such license may, after notice and
44 hearing by the municipal officers issuing the same, be sus-
45 pended, revoked, and annulled by them, and no such exhibi-
46 tion, show, or amusement, shall be given without such li-
47 cense.' So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 25. Whoever, on the Lord's day, keeps open his
49 shop, workhouse, warehouse, or place of business, travels,
50 or does any work, labor or business on that day, except
51 works of necessity or charity; uses any sport, game, or
52 recreation; or is present at any dancing, public diversion,
53 show, or entertainment, encouraging the same, shall be
54 punished by fine not exceeding ten dollars. The provisions
55 of this section shall not be held to prohibit the manufacture
56 and distribution of steam, gas or electricity for illuminating
57 purposes, heat or motive power, nor the distribution of
58 water for fire or domestic purposes, nor the use of the
59 telegraph or the telephone, nor the retail sale of drugs and
60 medicines, nor articles ordered in the prescription of a
61 physician, or mechanical appliances used by physicians or

62 surgeons, nor the retail sale of tobacco in any of its forms
63 by licensed innholders, common victualers, druggists and
64 newsdealers, whose stores are open for the sale of news-
65 papers every day in the week, nor the retail sale of ice
66 cream, soda water and confectionery, by licensed innholders,
67 and druggists, and by such licensed common victualers as
68 are authorized to keep open their places of business on the
69 Lord's day, nor the letting or use of horses and carriages,
70 or automobiles or of yachts and boats, nor the running of
71 steam ferry boats or steamboats on established routes, nor
72 the running of street railway cars or the operation of steam
73 railroads, nor the preparation, printing and publication of
74 newspapers, nor the sale and delivery of newspapers, nor
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81 usually dealt in by them, and the municipal officers of any
82 city or town may grant, upon such terms and conditions
83 as they deem reasonable, a license for such public amuse-
84 ments, to be held on the Lord's day, as they may deem of
85 benefit to the public health, and the public good, and not
86 inconsistent with the due observance of the Lord's day, to
87 which admission is obtained upon payment of money or

88 some other pecuniary or valuable consideration. Such
89 license shall be issued subject to such terms or conditions
90 as the municipal officers of said city or town may prescribe,
91 but no such license shall be granted to have effect before
92 one o'clock in the afternoon, nor unless the proposed ex-
93 hibition, show, or amusement shall be approved in writing
94 by the municipal officers, and any such license may, after
95 notice and hearing by the municipal officers issuing the
96 same, be suspended, revoked, and annulled by them, and
97 no such exhibition, show, or amusement shall be given
98 without such license.'