

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 84

House of Representatives, Feb. 5, 1915.

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

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. Bonney of Bowdoinham.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT requiring reports from property owners in case of fire
and fixing liability of owners under certain conditions.

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

Section 1. When any building or the contents of a building
2 or other property shall be damaged by fire the owner or
3 occupant thereof shall immediately give notice of such loss
4 or damage to the chief of the fire department in cities and
5 towns having an organized fire department and in towns hav-
6 ing no organized department such notice shall be given to
7 the municipal officers or to the fire inspector.

In case there is insurance on the property so damaged or

9 destroyed the owner shall state under oath that notice as re-
10 quired herein has been given and no adjustment of said loss
11 shall be made by any insurance company or representative
12 thereof until such notice has been given and so stated under
13 oath by the owner. The statement herein required to be
14 given before adjustment of the loss may be incorporated in
15 the proof of loss.

Sect. 2. The owner, part owner or occupant of any build-
2 ing or other property shall, in case of any loss or damage by
3 fire caused through failure of said owner or occupant to
4 comply with any regulation or requirement of any state or
5 municipal authority, be liable for all loss or damage to the
6 property of another and shall further be liable for any ex-
7 pense incurred by any state or municipal agency in extin-
8 guishing or attempting to extinguish any fire so caused, pro-
9 vided that written notice of the regulation or requirement
10 has been duly given said owner, part owner or occupant and
11 the time for complying with such regulation or requirement
12 has elapsed before loss or damage by fire occurs.