

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 122

House of Representatives, Feb. 11, 1915.
Reported by Mr. Michaud from Committee on Public Health,
and ordered printed under joint rules.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Lessen Frauds in the Name of Charity.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, cor-
2 poration or association to solicit funds for charitable or
3 benevolent purposes outside of the municipality where such
4 person resides or where such firm, corporation or associa-
5 tion has its place of business, without having in full force
6 a written license therefor from the state board of charities
7 and corrections; provided, that this law shall not apply to
8 any person or organization already under supervision by the
9 provisions of chapter 196 of the public laws of 1913.

Sect. 2. No license shall be granted for a term exceeding
2 one year. It shall state the name of the licensee, his resi-

3 dence or place of business, and for what purpose the funds
4 are to be solicited. It shall be the duty of the said board
5 to grant such a license whenever it shall be shown to their
6 satisfaction that the person or organization requesting the
7 license is reputable and responsible and has suitable facili-
8 ties for applying the funds to the purpose for which they are
9 to be solicited, and that the records of such funds and the
10 purpose for which they are used will be properly and accu-
11 rately kept. Such license shall be furnished to the licensee
12 without fee or charge, and may be revoked by the said board
13 whenever in its discretion it seems for the best interest of
14 the public to do so.

Sect. 3. Any official or person who shall violate any of
2 the provisions of, or shall wilfully fail, neglect or refuse to
3 perform any of the duties imposed upon him, by this act,
4 shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or be im-
5 prisoned not more than six months.