

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 234

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 17, 1915.*

*Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Health.*

*Committee on Reference.*

*Presented by Mr. Connellan of Portland.*

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to regulate the weight, sale, purity and price of ice.

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

Section 1. Whoever, being engaged in the business of  
2 selling ice at retail, refuses to sell, from any place or ve-  
3 hicle engaged in the regular distribution of ice at retail, a  
4 piece of ice at the fair value thereof to any person, other  
5 than an ice dealer, shall, if such person tenders in payment  
6 thereof the amount of five cents or any multiple thereof  
7 not more than fifty cents in legal money of the United  
8 States, be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred  
9 dollars, or by imprisonment for a term of not more than  
10 thirty days.

Sect. 2. A dealer in ice who refuses or neglects to provide  
2 scales for each wagon used by him for the delivery of ice or,  
3 on request of the purchaser of ice, refuses or neglects to  
4 weigh the same when it is delivered or gives false weight,  
5 shall for each offence be punished by a fine of not more  
6 than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment for a term of not  
7 more than thirty days.

Sect. 3. Whoever, having charge of the delivery of ice  
2 from a wagon or other vehicle, not being a dealer in ice,  
3 refuses on the request of the purchaser of ice to weigh the  
4 same when it is delivered or gives false weight, shall be  
5 punished by a fine of not more than ten dollars, or by im-  
6 prisonment for a term of not more than thirty days.

Sect. 4. The state board of health, upon complaint in  
2 writing of not less than twenty-five consumers of ice cut  
3 from any pond, lake, stream or other body of water and  
4 sold or held for sale, alleging that said ice is impure and  
5 injurious to health, after notice to the parties interested of  
6 the time and place appointed for the hearing, and after hear-  
7 ing said parties, may make such orders relative to the sale  
8 of said ice as in its judgment the public health requires.

Sect. 5. Such orders shall be served upon any person who  
2 sells or offers for sale impure ice, and may be enforced in  
3 equity by the supreme judicial court. Any person who is  
4 aggrieved by such orders may appeal therefrom to the law  
5 court, such appeal to be made in accordance with the law  
6 and rules of court governing appeals in equity cases, and

7 the procedure thereafter under such appeal shall be the  
8 same as appeals in equity cases.

Sect. 6. A city may establish ordinances to secure the in-  
2 spection of ice sold or offered for sale or held for sale with-  
3 in its limits and to prevent the sale of impure ice, and may  
4 affix penalties of not more than twenty dollars or imprison-  
5 ment for not more than a term of thirty days, for the vio-  
6 lation thereof.

Sect. 7. Upon the taking effect of this act the last para-  
2 graph of section 4 of chapter 116 of the private and spe-  
3 cial laws of 1913 is hereby repealed.