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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 379

House of Representatives, Feb. 25, 1915.

Reported by Mr. Dutton from Committee on Mercantile

Affairs and Insurance, 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 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 build-

- 2 ing or other property shall be damaged by fire the owner
- 3 or occupant thereof shall immediately give notice of such
- 4 loss or damage to the chief of the fire department in cities
- 5 and towns having an organized fire department and in towns
- 6 having no organized department such notice shall be given
- 7 to the municipal officers or to the fire inspector.
- Sect. 2. The owner, part owner or occupant of any build-
- 2 ing or other property shall, in case of any loss or damage

3 by fire caused through failure of said owner or occupant 4 to comply with any regulation or requirement of any state 5 or municipal authority, be liable for all loss or damage to 6 the property of another and shall further be liable for any 7 expense incurred by any state or municipal agency in ex
8 tinguishing or attempting to extinguish any fire so caused, 9 provided 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 clapsed before loss or damage by fire occurs.