

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 454

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 27, 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. Sanborn of South 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 amend Chapter 21 of the Public Laws of 1909 relating to the use of the Cinematograph, Cinetograph Kenetoscope and Moving Picture machine.

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

Section 1 of chapter 21 of the public laws of 1909 is hereby amended by striking out in lines 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 the words "a license or permit shall have been first obtained from the municipal officers of the city or town in which said cinematograph or similar apparatus is kept or exhibited, and," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 1. No cinematograph or similar apparatus, in-

8 volving the use of a combustible film more than ten inches  
9 in length, shall be kept, uses or exhibited in any building,  
10 place of public assemblage or place or building used for  
11 entertainment whether such place or building has been li-  
12 censed for public entertainment or not unless said cinema-  
13 tograph or similar apparatus shall be placed in an enclosure  
14 or booth consisting of a steel frame covered with asbestos  
15 wood and constructed and located in accordance with the  
16 specifications hereinafter provided, and the entrances and  
17 exits or fire escapes connected with such public building,  
18 place of public assemblage or place or building erected in  
19 accordance with the specifications hereinafter set forth.

Section 2 of the said chapter of the public laws of 1909 is  
21 hereby amended by striking out in the 28th and 29th lines  
22 thereof the words "a fee for such license shall be fixed by  
23 the municipal officers," and inserting in the place thereof  
24 the following: 'If such officers, after written application  
25 to them for a license unreasonable refuse or neglect to  
26 grant it, the applicant by giving them ten days' notice and  
27 a bond to pay all cost arising thereafter, may appeal to the  
28 County commissioners, who after a hearing of the parties,  
29 may grant the license or not as they judge reasonable. A  
30 fee for such license not exceeding ten dollars shall be fixed  
31 by the municipal officers.' So that said section as amended  
32 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. Any person desiring to keep, exhibit or use any  
34 cinematograph or similar apparatus in any place or build-  
35 ing described in section one of this act shall make applica-

36 tion to the municipal officers of the city or town in which  
37 such place or building is located for a permit or license to  
38 keep, exhibit or use such cinematograph or similar apparatus  
39 therein, and upon receipt of said application the municipal  
40 officers of said city or town shall inspect or cause to be  
41 inspected the enclosure or housing provided for such cine-  
42 matograph or similar apparatus and shall also inspect or  
43 cause to be inspected any such cinematograph or similar  
44 apparatus, and shall also the entrances or exits or fire es-  
45 capes. If, as a result of such inspection they are convinced  
46 that the specifications hereinafter provided are fully com-  
47 plied with, and such cinematograph or similar apparatus is  
48 found to be in a safe and suitable condition to be stored, ex-  
49 hibited or used, and that the entrances and exits or fire es-  
50 capes of such public buildings, place of public assemblage  
51 or place or building, that they may issue a permit of license  
52 to the person desiring to keep, use or exhibit such cinema-  
53 tograph or similar apparatus, which license or permit shall  
54 state the name of the makers, trade name and number and  
55 the serial number of the cinematograph and the place in  
56 which it is to be kept, used, or exhibited. No license or  
57 permit shall be granted under this section for any cinema-  
58 tograph or similar apparatus operated by oxyhydrogen gas,  
59 so-called, or by lime light.'

Section three of said chapter of public laws of 1909 is  
61 hereby amended by striking out in the 10th, 11th and 12th  
62 lines thereof the words "such license to operate shall con-

63 tinue for one year and the fee therefor shall be fixed by the  
64 municipal officers,” and inserting in the place thereof the  
65 following: ‘An applicant for such license shall have the  
66 same rights of appeal as is provided in the preceding sec-  
67 tion. Such license to operate shall continue for one year  
68 and the fee therefor not exceeding five dollars shall be  
69 fixed by the municipal officers.’ So that said section as  
70 amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 3. No person shall operate any cinematograph or  
72 similar apparatus in any city or town until he has received  
73 a license or permit so to do from the municipal officers  
74 thereof, no such license to operate a cinematograph or sim-  
75 ilar apparatus shall be granted to any person under eighteen  
76 years of age, not until the applicant shall have satisfied the  
77 municipal officers that he is thoroughly skilled in the me-  
78 chanical and electrical apparatus and devices used in the  
79 operation of a cinematograph or similar apparatus. An ap-  
80 plicant for such license shall have the same rights of ap-  
81 peal as is provided in the preceding section. Such license  
82 to operate shall continue for one year and the fee therefor  
83 not exceeding \$5 shall be fixed by the municipal officers.’