

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 552

House of Representatives, March 6, 1915.

*Reported by Mr. Michaud from Committee on Public Health,
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

FORTUNAT BELLEAU, Clerk Pro Tem.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section 7 of Chapter 211 of the Public
Laws of 1913, regulating the sale of morphine and other
hypnotic or narcotic drugs.

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

Section 7 of chapter 211 of the public laws of 1913 is here-
2 by amended by striking out after the word "indicated" in
3 the ninth line thereof, the following words, "and the afore-
4 said practitioners shall keep a record in a book kept solely
5 for that purpose of the name and address of the patient
6 treated, the name of the disease indicated and the quantity
7 of the drug dispensed, furnished or given away on each
8 separate occasion, which record shall be made within forty-
9 eight hours of the dispensing, furnishing or giving away,

10 and shall be preserved for at least two years, and shall at
11 all times be open to inspection by members of the state
12 board of health, members of the state board of pharmacy
13 or their authorized agents, by state officials or their author-
14 ized agents or by the police authorities or officers of cities
15 and towns. But no practitioner of medicine, surgery or
16 dentistry shall dispense or prescribe, except for his own
17 professional use, more than four grains of morphine, co-
18 caine, heroin, opium, or any other hypnotic or narcotic drug,
19 their salts, compounds, or any preparation of the same, un-
20 less it be for a chronic, incurable, or malignant disease.”
21 So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 7. No practitioner of medicine, surgery, dentistry
23 or veterinary medicine shall dispense, furnish or give away
24 opium, morphine, heroin, codeine, cannabis indica, cannabis
25 sativa, or any salt compound of said substances or any prep-
26 aration containing any of the said substances or their salts
27 or compounds, or cocaine or its salts or alpha or beta eu-
28 caine or their salts or any synthetic substitute for them, or
29 any preparation containing the same or any salt or compound
30 thereof except in good faith as medicines for diseases indi-
31 cated.’