

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 865

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*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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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 2 of chapter 21 of the Public Laws of 1909 is  
2 hereby amended by striking out in the 28th and 29th lines  
3 thereof the words "A fee for such license shall be fixed by  
4 the municipal officers," and inserting in the place thereof the  
5 following: 'If such officers, after written applications to  
6 them for a license unreasonably refuse or neglect to grant  
7 it, the applicant by giving them ten days' notice and a bond  
8 to pay all cost arising thereafter, may appeal to the County

9 Commissioners who after a hearing of the parties, may  
10 grant the license or not as they judge reasonable. A fee  
11 for such license not exceeding 'Ten Dollars shall be fixed by  
12 the Municipal officers.' So that said section as amended  
13 shall read as follows :

'Sect. 2. Any person desiring to keep, exhibit or use any  
15 cinematograph or similar apparatus in any place or building  
16 described in section one of this act shall make application to  
17 the municipal officers of the city or town in which such place  
18 or building is located for a permit or license to keep, exhib-  
19 it or use such cinematograph or similar apparatus therein,  
20 and upon receipt of said application the municipal officers  
21 of said city or town shall inspect or cause to be inspected  
22 the enclosure or housing provided for such cinematograph  
23 or similar apparatus and shall also inspect or cause to be in-  
24 spected any such cinematograph or similar apparatus, and  
25 shall also inspect the entrances or exits or fire escapes. If,  
26 as a result of such inspection they are convinced that the  
27 specifications hereinafter provided are fully complied with,  
28 and such cinematograph or similar apparatus is found to be  
29 in a safe and suitable condition to be stored, exhibited or  
30 used, and that the entrances and exits or fire escapes of  
31 such public buildings, place of public assemblage or place  
32 or building, that they may issue a permit of license to the  
33 person desiring to keep, use or exhibit such cinemato-  
34 graph or similar apparatus, which license or permit shall  
35 state the name of the makers, trade name and number and

36 the serial number of the cinematograph and the place in  
37 which it is to be kept, used, or exhibited. If such officers,  
38 after written application to them for a license unreasonably  
39 refuse or neglect to grant it, the applicant by giving them  
40 ten days notice and a bond to pay all cost arising thereaf-  
41 ter, may appeal to the County Commissioners who after a  
42 hearing of the parties, may grant the license or not as they  
43 judge reasonable. A fee for such license not exceeding  
44 Ten Dollars shall be fixed by the Municipal officers. No  
45 license or permit shall be granted under this section for any  
46 cinematograph or similar apparatus operated by oxhydro-  
47 gen gas so called or by Lime light.'

Section three of said chapter of Public Laws of 1909 is  
49 hereby amended by striking out in the 10th, 11th and 12th  
50 lines thereof the words, "Such license to operate shall  
51 continue for one year and the fee therefor shall be fixed  
52 by the municipal officers," and inserting in the place there-  
53 of the following: 'An applicant for such license shall have  
54 the same rights of appeal as is provided in the preceding  
55 section. Such license to operate shall continue for one year  
56 and the fee therefor not exceeding Five Dollars shall be  
57 fixed by the Municipal officers,' so that said section as  
58 amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 3. No person shall operate any cinematograph or  
60 similar apparatus in any city or town until he has received  
61 a license or permit so to do from the municipal officers  
62 thereof, no such license to operate a cinematograph or sim-

63 ilar apparatus shall be granted to any person under eight-  
64 een years of age, not until the applicant shall have satis-  
65 fied the municipal officers that he is thoroughly skilled in  
66 the mechanical and electrical apparatus or devices used in  
67 the operation of a cinematograph or similar apparatus. An  
68 applicant for such license shall have the same rights of ap-  
69 peal as is provided in the preceding section. Such license  
70 to operate shall continue for one year and the fee therefor  
71 not exceeding Five Dollars shall be fixed by the municipal  
72 officers.'

Section 5 of said chapter of the Public Laws of 1909 is  
74 hereby amended by adding to said section the following  
75 words: 'But no final judgment on such complaint or indict-  
76 ment shall be entered during the pendency of an appeal as  
77 provided in Sections two and three hereof and in case such  
78 appeal be sustained, such complaint or indictment shall be  
79 diminished,' so that said section shall read as follows:

'Sect. 5. Any person keeping, using or operating any  
81 cinematograph or similar apparatus, contrary to the provi-  
82 sion of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than  
83 twenty-five dollars nor more than five hundred dollars to be  
84 recovered on complaint or indictment to the use of a city or  
85 town in which any such violation occurs, but no final judg-  
86 ment on such complaint or indictment shall be entered dur-  
87 ing the pendency of an appeal as provided in sections two  
88 and three hereof and in case such appeal be sustained, such  
89 complaint or indictment shall be diminished.'