

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 10

In Senate, January 27, 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. Weld of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Lessen Frauds in the Name of Charity.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association to solicit funds for charitable or benevolent purposes outside of the municipality where such person resides or where such firm, corporation or association has its place of business, without having in full force a written license therefor from the state board of charities and corrections; provided, that this law shall not apply to any person or organization already under supervision by the provisions of chapter 196 of the public laws of 1913.

Sect. 2. No license shall be granted for a term exceeding
2 one year. It shall state the name of the licensee, his resi-
3 dence or place of business, and for what purpose the funds
4 are to be solicited. It shall be the duty of the said board to
5 grant such a license whenever it shall be shown to their
6 satisfaction that the person or organization requesting the
7 license is reputable and responsible and has suitable facili-
8 ties for applying the funds to the purpose for which they
9 are to be solicited, and that the records of such funds and
10 the purpose for which they are used will be properly and
11 accurately kept. Such license shall be furnished to the
12 licensee without fee or charge, and may be revoked by the
13 said board whenever in its discretion it seems for the best
14 interest of the public to do so.

Sect. 3. Any official or person who shall violate any of
2 the provisions of, or shall wilfully fail, neglect or refuse to
3 perform any of the duties imposed upon him, by this act,
4 shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or be im-
5 prisoned not more than six months.