

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 45

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*In Senate, Feb. 4, 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. Bartlett of Kennebec.*

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

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*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 hereby amended by striking out after the word "indicated" in the ninth line thereof, the following words, "and the aforesaid practitioners shall keep a record in a book kept solely for that purpose of the name and address of the patient treated, the name of the disease indicated and the quantity of the drug dispensed, furnished or given away on each separate occasion, which record shall be made within

9 forty-eight hours of the dispensing, furnishing or giving  
10 away, and shall be preserved for at least two years, and  
11 shall at all times be open to inspection by members of the  
12 state board of health, members of the state board of phar-  
13 macy or their authorized agents, by state officials or their  
14 authorized agents or by the police authorities or officers of  
15 cities or towns. But no practitioner of medicine, surgery  
16 or 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." So  
21 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 eucaine  
28 or their salts or any synthetic substitute for them, or any  
29 preparation containing the same or any salt or compound  
30 thereof except in good faith as medicines for diseases indi-  
31 cated.'