

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 249

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*In Senate, March 3, 1915.*

*Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.*

*Committee on Reference.*

*Presented by Mr. Butler of Knox.*

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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 for the prevention of the improper use of Society  
Badges.

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

Section 1. No person shall wear the badge of the Patrons  
2 of Husbandry, Odd Fellows, Freemasons or any of their  
3 concordant orders, Knights of Pythias, or any other frater-  
4 nal organization, unless he be a member in good standing  
5 of the order whose badge he wears, under penalty of a fine  
6 of not less than three or more than fifty dollars for each  
7 offence—and if such badge is used for the purpose of fraud-  
8 ulently obtaining money or credit, or for any promoting and

9 fraudulent scheme whatever, the maximum penalty may be  
10 one hundred dollars—to be recovered upon complaint being  
11 made to the judge of the police court or municipal court  
12 having jurisdiction over the territory where the offence was  
13 committed—or if no such judge then any trial justice.

Sect. 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit  
2 the wearing of such badge by any woman whose husband,  
3 father, brother or son is a member of the order whose badge  
4 she may wear, provided such badge shall only be made use  
5 of as a protection while traveling.