

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 317

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*In Senate, March 11, 1915.*

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

*Committee on Reference.*

*Presented by Mr. Durgin of Piscataquis.*

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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 nine of chapter one hundred and eighty-one of the laws of nineteen hundred and eleven relating to the practice of embalming and the transportation of the bodies of persons who have died of infectious diseases.

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

Section nine of chapter one hundred and eighty-one of the 2 laws of nineteen hundred and eleven is hereby amended by 3 striking out the whole of said section and substituting there- 4 for the following:

'Sect. 9. All licenses which have been, or may be issued 6 to undertakers by the state board of embalming examiners 7 shall expire on the thirty-first day of December annually.

8 provided, that the licenses hereafter issued shall be valid and  
9 shall not expire until the last day of the following year.  
10 Any person holding an embalmer's license under the pro-  
11 visions of this act may have the same renewed by making  
12 and filing with the secretary of said board of examiners an  
13 application therefor within thirty days preceding the ex-  
14 piration of his or her license, upon blanks prescribed by  
15 said board and upon payment of one dollar renewal fee;  
16 provided, however, that any person neglecting or failing to  
17 have his or her license renewed as above, may have the  
18 same renewed by making application therefor within thirty  
19 days after date of expiration, and upon payment of two  
20 dollars revival and renewal fees.'

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED  
AMENDMENT OF SECTION NINE OF CHAPTER  
ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE OF THE LAWS  
OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN.

The proposed amendment of section nine of chapter one hundred and eighty-one of the laws of nineteen hundred and eleven is needed for the following reasons:

The meetings of the state board of embalming examiners are ordinarily held the second Tuesday in May and the second Tuesday in November. Occasionally, special meetings for the examination of candidates are held. Certificates are issued within a few days thereafter to the candidates who pass a successful examination. The period for which the certificates, or licenses, are issued therefore terminates at different periods during the year. This makes it very difficult for the secretary of the board to keep track of the dates at which the various licenses end, thus unnecessarily increasing and complicating the work of the office.

The provision that the licenses shall all expire on the thirty-first day of December annually would be unjust to those persons to whom licenses had been issued within the year just passed for the reason that their renewal would be required before the **termination of one year.**