

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 432

In Senate, March 25, 1915.

*Reported by Sen. Durgin from Committee on Judiciary and
ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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 Transporta-
tion of the Bodies of Persons Who have died of Infectious
Diseases.

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 to
6 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
9 and shall not expire until the last day of the following year.
10 Any person holding an embalmer's license under the provi-
11 sions 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 expira-
14 tion of his or her license, upon blanks prescribed by said
15 board and upon payment of one dollar renewal fee; pro-
16 vided, however, that any person neglecting or failing to have
17 his or her license renewed as above, may have the same re-
18 newed by making application therefor within thirty days
19 after date of expiration, and upon payment of two dollars
20 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 Thursday 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.