

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 11

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*House of Representatives, Jan. 18, 1917.*

*Referred to committee on Public Health, fifteen hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Mr. Sisson of Island Falls.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT relative to Sanitary Conditions in places of Employment.

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

Section 1. All mills, factories, workshops, manufacturing  
2 and mechanical establishments employing more than ten  
3 persons shall provide flush closets, the floors of which shall  
4 be of material or surfaced with material impervious to  
5 water, and so constructed and formed as to be easily and  
6 thoroughly cleaned.

Sect. 2. No such closet shall present square corners at  
2 floor level, or dark and inaccessible recesses, and all such

3 closets shall be ventilated directly to the outside air by a  
4 window or other opening.

Sect. 3. Where closets are placed directly above other  
2 closets on succeeding floors, they shall be so constructed as  
3 to prevent dripping from one closet to another.

Sect. 4. Each closet shall be equipped with an automatic  
2 flushing apparatus and tanks and piping of adequate size to  
3 prevent clogging, closets shall be separate for each sex and  
4 plainly so designated.

Sect. 5. All such closets used by men shall contain a set  
2 urinal aside from flush bowl, except where extra closets are  
3 furnished, having urinals only.

Sect. 6. The floor and refuse receptacles of each closet  
2 shall be thoroughly washed and treated with disinfectant  
3 every working day.

Sect. 7. Each closet shall be inspected and tested by the  
2 master mechanic, janitor or other competent and responsible  
3 person, in the morning of each working day, before the hour  
4 of employment, and any closet unfit for use shall be closed  
5 until the fault is corrected.

Sect. 8. In all such places of employment where both men  
2 and women are employed, and where no other equally effect-  
3 ive protection exists, the entrance to the flush closets  
4 reserved for women shall be protected by an opaque blind  
5 or partition extending from the floor to a height of one foot  
6 above the top of each closet door, closed at one side of such  
7 door and extending enough above the entrance to prevent a

8 view of the interior of the closet from outside the blind.

Sect. 9. The walls and partition protecting such closets  
2 shall be kept intact, and the closets shall be closed at the top,  
3 unless the closets are contained in rooms set apart and  
4 specially designated for the use of one sex.

Sect. 10. Where the entrance to the women's closet is  
2 adjacent of the men's closet in places requiring blinds, the  
3 blind for the women shall be closed on the side of the men's  
4 approach.

Sect. 11. It shall be the duty of the State Factory In-  
2 spector to enforce this law. Action may be instituted by  
3 complaint to the State Factory Inspector or a local health  
4 officer.

Sect. 12. Any person may enter complaint, and any per-  
2 son endeavoring to intimidate, injure or deprive of employ-  
3 ment such complainant because of such activity, shall be  
4 punished by a fine of three hundred dollars or one year in  
5 jail.

Sect. 13. The provisions of this act shall not apply to saw  
2 mills, ice houses, or other places where men are employed, in  
3 semi-out-of-door work.

Sect. 14. Any person, company, corporation or organiza-  
2 tion found guilty of a violation of this law shall be punished  
3 by a fine of not less than \$50, nor more than \$100, for the  
4 first offence, and \$200 for each subsequent offence.

Sect. 15. All fines or penalties provided by the terms of  
2 this act may be recovered or enforced by complaint or indict-

3 ment, and in all prosecutions under this chapter and amend-  
4 ments and additions thereto, trial justices and judges of the  
5 municipal and police courts within their counties shall have  
6 complaint original and concurrent jurisdiction with the  
7 supreme judicial and superior courts.

Sect. 16. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith  
2 are hereby repealed.