

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 284

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 13, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Public Health and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Mr. Holt of Skowhegan.*

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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 to provide for a physical examination of persons  
committed to jails.

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

Section 1. Every person, male or female, confined in any  
2 county jail shall, within forty-eight hours from the time he  
3 or she shall have been received therein and before he or she  
4 is allowed to mingle with other persons confined in said jail,  
5 be examined by a competent physician, who shall determine  
6 whether or not he or she is afflicted with any infectious or  
7 contagious disease.

Sect. 2. Any person found to be afflicted with any infectious or contagious disease, shall be kept apart from other persons confined in said jail and shall be so controlled as best to prevent the spreading of such disease.

Sect. 3. The county commissioners in the several counties shall employ one or more competent physicians in their respective counties to make the examination provided for in this act. Such physicians shall be paid by the county in which such examination is made. They shall receive for such service such compensation as may be agreed upon between them and said county commissioners.

Sect. 4. It shall be the duty of the several sheriffs to see that the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act are complied with in their respective counties.

Sect. 5. Any person failing to perform the duties imposed upon him by the provisions of this act shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars for each offense; said fine to be recovered in the same manner as fines are recovered in other criminal matters.