

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 305

House of Representatives, Feb. 14, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Temperance and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented to Mr. Allan of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT additional to Chapter 127 of the Revised Statutes,
relating to the enforcement of the laws against the sale of
intoxicating liquors.

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

Chapter one hundred twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

‘Sect. 55. It shall be unlawful for any transportation com-
2 pany, express company, corporation or individual to deliver
3 any intoxicating liquors at any place other than the regular
4 place of business of said company or individual or to deliver
5 any intoxicating liquors to any person, firm or corporation

6 except the consignee; and in all cases, before delivery is
7 made, said company or individual shall require the consignee,
8 personally to sign a receipt in a book kept for such purpose,
9 which said receipt shall reveal the name of the person to
10 whom the liquors were shipped, the amount and kind and
11 the date when delivered and the persons by whom and to
12 whom delivered, except that in case of partnerships and cor-
13 porations, a partner or duly authorized officer of the corpor-
14 ation may receipt for liquors consigned to their principals,
15 and the book of receipts above described shall be kept per-
16 manently in such places of business and shall be open to
17 inspection of any state, county or municipal officer during
18 regular business hours, and such book shall constitute prima
19 facie evidence of the facts therein stated and be admissible
20 as evidence in any court in this state having jurisdiction over
21 offences named in this chapter and Chapter twenty-three of
22 the Revised Statutes. Any officer of any transportation
23 company or express company or any other person who know-
24 ingly delivers intoxicating liquors contrary to the provisions
25 hereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hun-
26 dred nor more than five hundred dollars and costs and be
27 imprisoned for not less than two nor more than six months
28 and in default of payment of said fine and costs he shall be
29 imprisoned six months additional. Any person who know-
30 ingly receipts for any intoxicating liquors contrary to the
31 provisions of this section shall be guilty of forgery and shall
32 be punished by imprisonment for not less than two months.'

‘Sect. 56. No person shall loiter on or about the streets
2 and highways or in or about any building or place of business
3 in this state with intoxicating liquors about his person.
4 Whoever violates this section shall be fined one hundred
5 dollars and costs and be imprisoned thirty days, and in de-
6 fault of payment of said fine and costs, he shall be impris-
7 oned sixty days additional.’

‘Sect. 57. All ale, beer and other liquors kept for sale in
2 this state of which alcohol is an ingredient or constituent
3 part, shall be plainly labeled by having conspicuously affixed
4 on the vessels in which they are contained, a paper label
5 showing in print the percentage of alcohol contained in said
6 liquors. Any liquors not so labeled shall be deemed to be in-
7 toxicating liquors within the meaning of the statute, shall be
8 subject to seizure and shall be disposed of in the manner
9 provided for disposing of intoxicating liquors. Any person
10 who keeps and offers for sale any such liquors not so labeled
11 shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars and costs
12 and be imprisoned for not less than two nor more than six
13 months, and in default of payment of said fine and costs he
14 shall be imprisoned six months additional.’