

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 144

In Senate, Feb. 9, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Swift of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide for local licenses for hawkers and pedlers.

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

Section 1. Every hawker or pedler who shall sell or offer
2 for sale goods, wares or merchandise, without a local license
3 therefor, issued as hereinafter provided, shall be punished
4 for each offense by fine not exceeding fifty dollars or by
5 imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or by both such fine
6 and imprisonment.

Sect. 2. Every hawker and pedler desiring to do business
2 in a city or town shall first procure a license from the clerk

3 of such city or town, and shall show the certificate of such
4 license on demand of any sheriff, deputy sheriff or police
5 officer.

Sect. 3. Every hawker or pedler desiring to do business in
2 a city or town shall make written application to the clerk of
3 such city or town, describing the line or kind of merchandise
4 said applicant has for sale, or is to offer for sale, and, upon
5 payment of a license fee of twenty-five dollars, such clerk
6 shall issue to said applicant a hawker's and pedler's license,
7 authorizing said applicant to sell and offer for sale, within
8 the limits of such city or town, for the term of one year from
9 the date thereof, such goods, wares or merchandise as are
10 described in the application therefor. Such license shall not
11 be transferable nor give authority to any person other than
12 the applicant to sell or offer for sale such goods in said city
13 or town.

Sect. 4. Each clerk shall keep a true record of all applica-
2 tions and licenses so issued with the date thereof and a full
3 description of the goods so authorized to be sold and offered
4 for sale.

Sect. 5. The words "hawker and pedler," for the purposes
2 of this act, shall be construed to mean and include all persons
3 who engage in business in this state, either in one locality or
4 in traveling from place to place, selling goods, wares and
5 merchandise on the street or from house to house, either
6 from pack or vehicle.

Sect. 6. The provisions of this act shall not apply to bona

2 fide sales of goods, wares or merchandise sold by sample for
3 future delivery, nor to the sale of meats, fish, bakery or farm
4 products.

Sect. 7. Municipal and police courts and trial justices
2 shall have jurisdiction of all complaints and prosecutions
3 under this act.