

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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**SENATE**

**NO. 49**

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In Senate, February 11, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Thombs from Committee on Legal Affairs  
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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AN ACT to Amend Section Sixteen, Chapter Twenty, of the  
Revised Statutes, Relating to the Inspection of Records of  
Poisons Sold by Druggists.

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

Section sixteen of chapter twenty of the revised statutes  
2 is hereby amended by inserting the words 'any inland fish  
3 and game warden, or by,' after the word "by," in the thir-  
4 teenth line of said section, so that said section, as amended,  
5 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 16. Whoever sells arsenic, arsenious acid, atropia,  
2 or any of its salts, chloral hydrate, chloroform, cotton root  
3 and its fluid extract, Fowler's solution, corrosive sublimate,  
4 cyanide of potassium, Donovan's solution, ergot and its

5 fluid extract, sugar of lead, oil of savin, oil of tansy, Par-  
6 son's vermin exterminator, phosphorus, prussic acid, Rough  
7 on Rats, strychnia or any of its salts, tartar emetic, tinc-  
8 ture of aconite, tincture of belladonna, tincture of digitalis,  
9 tincture of nux vomica, tincture of veratrum viride, crystals  
10 of carbolic acid or a strong solution of carbolic acid, with-  
11 out the written prescription of a physician, shall keep a  
12 record of such sales, the name and quantity of the article  
13 sold and the name and residence of the person or persons  
14 to whom it was delivered, which record shall be made be-  
15 fore the article was delivered and shall be open to inspec-  
16 tion by any member of the board of commissioners of  
17 pharmacy, or by any inland fish and game warden, or by  
18 the police authorities and the officers of cities and towns.  
19 Whoever neglects to keep or refuses to show to said offi-  
20 cers such record shall be punished by fine not exceeding  
21 fifty dollars. Whoever sells any of the poisonous articles  
22 named in this section without the written prescription of a  
23 physician, shall affix to the bottle, box or wrapper con-  
24 taining the article sold a label of red paper, upon which  
25 shall be printed in large letters the word "poison," and  
26 also the word "antidote," and the name and place of bus-  
27 iness of the vendor. The name of an antidote, if there be  
28 any, for the poison sold, shall also be upon the label. Every  
29 neglect to affix such label to such poisonous article sold  
30 before the delivery thereof to the purchaser shall be pun-  
31 ished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars. Whoever pur-

32 chases poisons as aforesaid and gives a false or fictitious  
33 name to the vendor shall be punished by fine not exceed-  
34 ing fifty dollars. But nothing in this section shall be con-  
35 strued to apply to wholesale dealers or to manufacturing  
36 chemists in their sales to retail trade, nor to the general  
37 merchant, nor to a firm or corporation in trade, who may  
38 sell in unbroken packages prepared by the manufacturers,  
39 Paris green, London purple or other poisonous prepara-  
40 tions or compounds used for the destruction of bugs, beetles,  
41 insects, slugs, grubs, caterpillars or worms. Upon each  
42 and every package so sold shall be printed in large letters  
43 the word "poison." Every neglect to affix such label with  
44 the word "poison" thereon to such poisonous article be-  
45 fore the delivery thereof to the purchaser shall be punished  
46 by fine not exceeding fifty dollars.'