

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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**SENATE**

**NO. 52**

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In Senate, February 14, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Gillin from Committee on Judiciary for printing and 300 copies ordered printed and the bill recommended to Committee on Judiciary.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Gillin of Penobscot.

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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 Prevent the Manufacture and Exhibition of Motion Picture Films Depicting or Involving Cruelty to or Suffering of Animals.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person as owner, 2 manufacturer, photographer, manager, director or agent or 3 in any other capacity to prepare, manufacture, make or 4 participate in the preparation, manufacturing or making 5 of any moving or motion picture film depicting or involving 6 in its preparation, manufacture or making cruelty to or 7 suffering of animals, or to have in his possession, or sell,

8 lend, give away or show any photographic or mechanical  
9 contrivance with moving pictures of cruelty to or suffering  
10 of animals, or to advertise, give, present, or exhibit any  
11 such moving or motion picture or to aid in such advertising,  
12 giving, presenting or exhibiting.

Sect. 2. Any person who violates any provision of this  
2 act shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding three  
3 months or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or  
4 by both such fine and imprisonment. Any corporation vio-  
5 lating any such provision shall be responsible for the knowl-  
6 edge and acts of its agents and servants therein and shall  
7 be punished by fine as herein provided; and such corpora-  
8 tion and its agent or servant may be punished for the same  
9 act.

Sect. 3. Municipal and police courts and trial justices  
2 shall have jurisdiction of all offenses under this chapter.