

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 97

In Senate, March 3, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Gillin from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Eighteen of Chapter One Hundred and Thirty of the Revised Statutes in Relation to the Disposal of Fines Imposed Thereunder and Personal Property Used for Prizes in Lotteries or Devices of Chance, and the Procedure of Punishment.

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

Section eighteen of chapter one hundred and thirty is here-
2 by amended by striking out all the words between the word
3 "complaint" in the nineteenth line and the word "further"
4 in the twenty-second line, and inserting instead thereof the
5 words 'or indictment to the use of the county, and he may'
6 and by inserting after the word "twenty-seven" the words
7 'excepting that all personal property used for prizes in any

8 such lottery or device of chance shall be ordered forfeited
9 and turned over to an officer to be sold by him and the pro-
10 ceeds paid into the treasury of the county where seized.’
11 So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 18. Lotteries and schemes of chance, of all kinds,
2 prohibited; printing of tickets, prima facie evidence. R. S.
3 c. 129, § 20. Every lottery, policy, policy lottery, policy
4 shop, scheme or device of chance, of whatever name or
5 description, whether at fairs or public gatherings, or else-
6 where, and whether in the interests of churches, benevolent
7 objects or otherwise, is prohibited; and whoever is con-
8 cerned therein, directly or indirectly, by making, writing,
9 printing, advertising, purchasing, receiving, selling, offering
10 for sale, giving away, disposing of, or having in possession
11 with intent to sell or dispose of, any ticket, certificate, share
12 or interest therein, slip, bill, token or other device purport-
13 ing or designed to guarantee or assure to any person or to
14 entitle any person to a chance of drawing or obtaining any
15 prize or thing of value to be drawn in any lottery, policy,
16 policy lottery, policy shop, scheme or device of chance of
17 whatever name or description; by printing, publishing or
18 circulating the same, or any handbill, advertisement or no-
19 tice thereof, or by knowingly suffering the same to be pub-
20 lished in any newspaper or periodical under his charge, or
21 on any cover or paper attached thereto; or who in any
22 manner aids therein, or is connected therewith, shall be
23 punished by fine of not less than ten, nor more than one

24 thousand dollars, to be recovered by complaint or indict-
25 ment to the use of the county, and he may further be pun-
26 ished by imprisonment for thirty days on the first convic-
27 tion; sixty, on the second; and ninety on the third. And
28 all lottery tickets, or materials for a lottery, procured for
29 that purpose, shall be disposed of as provided in section
30 twelve of chapter one hundred and twenty-seven, excepting
31 that all personal property used for prizes in any such lot-
32 tery or device of chance shall be ordered forfeited and
33 turned over to an officer to be sold by him and the proceeds
34 paid into the treasury of the county where seized. The
35 printing, advertising, issuing or delivery of any ticket, paper,
36 document or material representing or purporting to repre-
37 sent the existence of, or an interest in a lottery, policy lot-
38 tery, game or hazard, shall be prima facie evidence of the
39 existence, location and drawing of such lottery, policy lot-
40 tery, game or hazard, and the issuing or delivery of any
41 such paper, ticket, document or material shall be prima facie
42 evidence of value received therefor by the person or per-
43 sons, company or corporation who issues or delivers or
44 knowingly aids or abets in the issuing or delivering of such
45 paper, ticket, document or material.'