

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 212

In Senate, April 4, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Gillin and Mr. Garcelon from Joint Committees on Judiciary and Military Affairs 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 Prohibiting Public Games and Amusements on
Memorial Day.

Emergency Preamble. Whereas, there is grave danger that Memorial Day, through thoughtlessness, is tending gradually to lose its tender significance and solemn impressiveness as a day devoted to the memory of those heroic men who dared and suffered when the life of the nation was at stake, most of whom now lie sleeping, the battle done, on the quiet hillsides of the State they loved and served so well; and

Whereas, the proper observance of Memorial Day is not alone demanded by our debt of gratitude to those men which

we never can repay, but is conducive to the thrill and very essence of patriotism which is in the heart of every true American, conscious of his rich heritage; and

Whereas, legislation to secure the proper observance of Memorial Day is therefore immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now therefore,

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

Whoever engages in any public game or amusement on
2 Memorial Day shall be punished by a fine not exceeding
3 twenty-five dollars or imprisonment not exceeding ten days,
4 or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Emergency Clause. In view of the emergency expressed
2 in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect when ap-
3 proved.