

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 152

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House of Representatives, Feb. 22, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Keef of Vanceboro.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Amend Section Two of Chapter Thirty-two of  
the Revised Statutes, Relating to Travelling Circuses.

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

Section two of chapter thirty-two of the revised statutes  
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: 'No  
3 travelling circus shall advertise or exhibit any parade, show  
4 or entertainment in this state without first paying a state  
5 license of five hundred dollars for each calendar year. Ap-  
6 plication for such license shall be made to the secretary  
7 of state and shall contain the name of the person or cor-  
8 poration owning or operating said travelling circus and a  
9 statement of the proposed territory within the limits of

10 said state and the names of the cities and towns in which  
11 said travelling circus is to exhibit. Upon the payment of  
12 the sum of five hundred dollars, a license shall issue. Said  
13 license shall contain a proviso that if the person or cor-  
14 poration operating said travelling circus shall allow at any  
15 of its performances any gambling or faker games which  
16 are prohibited by the laws of the state of Maine, said  
17 license shall be immediately revoked. Any person or cor-  
18 poration violating the provisions of this act or of such  
19 license shall forfeit to the state the sum of one thousand  
20 dollars for the benefit of the state. Municipal courts in  
21 all the counties shall have jurisdiction over said offense,  
22 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. The municipal officers of towns may grant li-  
2 censes for any of the foregoing exhibitions or perform-  
3 ances therein, on receiving for their town such sum as they  
4 deem proper; twenty-four hours being allowed for each ex-  
5 hibition or performance; and they shall prosecute, by com-  
6 plaint for the use of their town, all violators of the pre-  
7 ceding section. No travelling circus shall advertise or ex-  
8 hibit any parade, show or entertainment in this state with-  
9 out first paying a state license of five hundred dollars for  
10 each calendar year. Application for such license shall be  
11 made to the secretary of state and shall contain the name  
12 of the person or corporation owning or operating said trav-  
13 elling circus and a statement of the proposed territory with-  
14 in the limits of said state and the names of the cities and

15 towns in which said travelling circus is to exhibit. Upon  
16 the payment of the sum of five hundred dollars, a license  
17 shall issue. Said license shall contain a proviso that if the  
18 person or corporation operating said travelling circus shall  
19 allow at any of its performances any gambling or faker  
20 games which are prohibited by the laws of the State of  
21 Maine, said license shall be immediately revoked. Any  
22 person or corporation violating the provisions of this act  
23 or of such license shall forfeit to the state the sum of one  
24 thousand dollars for the benefit of the state. Municipal  
25 courts in all the counties shall have jurisdiction over said  
26 offense.'