

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 405

House of Representatives, March 15, 1923.

Read and on motion of Mr. Wing of Auburn tabled pending further consideration and Wednesday next assigned and five hundred copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Augusta

March 15th, 1923.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the
Eighty-first Legislature:*

I return herewith without my approval "AN ACT to Amend Section Fifty-six of Chapter Ninety-six of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Lien on Vehicles."

This law gives a lien to any person who performs labor by himself or his employees on "automobiles, motor cars, and tops and parts thereof." Some days ago I returned to you

without my approval an act granting a lien to jewelers and in doing so I stated my objections in some detail and these objections were sustained. There is no more reason for granting a lien to those who repair "automobiles, motor cars and tops and parts thereof" than there is for giving such a lien to those who repair watches and jewelry. Should the law I am returning to you be enacted there would immediately arise an endless number of claims and our public records would be choked with a mass of litigation. This would be inevitable with more than 100,000 motor vehicles registered within the state of Maine.

The man who repairs automobiles and other motor cars has ample protection under our existing laws and should not be given any preference over workmen in other trades. I am much opposed to special privileges for I believe all citizens should be treated alike, and without going into further details I return the matter herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

PERCIVAL P. BAXTER,

Governor of Maine.