

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 1061

H. D. No. 284

House of Representatives, March 6, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Military Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Decker of Milo.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Desecration of Flag.

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

Section five of chapter one hundred nineteen of the re-
2 vised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the fol-
3 lowing words: "and duly appointed and accredited com-
4 mittees of political parties, may during the campaign pre-
5 ceding any election for president and vice-president of the
6 United States, attach the names of their respective candi-
7 dates to the flag," so that said section, as amended, shall
8 read as follows:

'Sect. 5. Whoever in any manner, for exhibition or dis-
2 play, places or causes to be placed any inscription, device,

3 advertisement or notice whatever upon any flag, standard,
4 color or ensign of the United States or state flag of this
5 state, or displays or exhibits or causes to be displayed or
6 exhibited any flag, standard, color or ensign of the United
7 States or flag of this state upon which shall in any manner
8 be placed or affixed any inscription, device, advertisement
9 or notice whatever, or attaches to or represents upon any
10 goods, wares or merchandise, any imitation or representa-
11 tion of the national flag of the United States, or uses any
12 imitation or representation of the national flag of the United
13 States for advertising purposes or in any manner mutil-
14 ates, tramples upon or otherwise defaces or defiles any of
15 said flags, standards, colors or ensigns, whether they are
16 public or private property, shall be punished by a fine of
17 not less than five, nor more than fifty dollars. Provided,
18 however, that flags, standards, colors or ensigns, the prop-
19 erty of or used in the service of the United States, or of
20 this state, may have inscriptions, names of actions, words,
21 marks or symbols, placed thereon pursuant to law or au-
22 thorized regulations, and that associations organized by men
23 who have served in the army or navy of the United States
24 may place appropriate inscriptions upon flags borne by them
25 or used for memorial purposes.'