

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 1105

H. D. No. 338

House of Representatives, March 10, 1925.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Spear of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Lodging Houses.

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

Section one of chapter one hundred and forty-two of the
2 public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three is hereby
3 amended by striking out the whole of said section and in-
4 serting in place thereof the following:

Section I. The licensing boards of cities and towns, as
2 defined in section one of chapter thirty-one of the revised
3 statutes, have authority to grant licenses to persons of good
4 moral character and under such restrictions as they deem
5 necessary for the conduct of lodging houses. The term
6 "lodging house" as used in this chapter shall mean a house

7 where lodgings are let to five or more persons not within
8 the second degree of kindred conducting it, and shall not
9 include dormitories of charitable, educational or philan-
10 thropic institutions, nor to the emergency use of private
11 dwelling houses at the time of conventions or similar public
12 gatherings; it shall also include "public camps" as herein
13 defined; the term "public camp" shall mean a place where
14 transient lodgers are harbored over night in buildings, tents,
15 vehicles and other shelters other than licensed hotels and
16 hotels, as now recognized by statute, for which a considera-
17 tion is charged, directly or indirectly. Whoever conducts
18 and maintains such lodging house after receipt of a notice
19 in writing from such licensing board not to do so and fails
20 thereafter to receive from said board a license for the con-
21 duct of such lodging house shall be punished by the pay-
22 ment of a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than
23 one hundred dollars for each offense; municipal and police
24 courts and trial justices within their respective jurisdictions
25 shall have jurisdiction of such offenses.'