

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

S. P. No. 456

S. D. No. 176

In Senate, March 10, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Education and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Speirs of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT for the Protection of Life in Buildings Used for
School Purposes.

Emergency Preamble: Whereas, the installation and operation of an automatic sprinkling system in buildings used in whole or in part as a schoolhouse is necessary for the protection of life, and,

Whereas, such necessity makes the following act an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the peace, health or safety, now, therefore,

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

Section 1. Every building two stories or more in height
2 which is used in whole or in part as a schoolhouse, includ-

3 ing school dormitories, located in a town or city having a
4 water system for supplying its inhabitants, shall be pro-
5 vided with a system for protection against fire, commonly
6 and generally known as the automatic sprinkling system.
7 The sufficiency thereof shall be determined in towns having
8 no organized fire department by the municipal officers who
9 shall annually make or direct the fire inspector to make
10 careful inspection of the sprinkling system provided in com-
11 pliance with the requirements of this act. In towns and
12 cities having an organized fire department the duties afore-
13 said shall be discharged by the chief of the fire department.

Sect. 2. When the governor and council have reason to
2 believe that a town or city has neglected to install and main-
3 tain an automatic sprinkling system in buildings used for
4 school purposes in compliance with the provisions of this
5 act they shall direct the treasurer of state to withhold from
6 the apportionment of state school funds made to that town
7 or city such amount as they may deem expedient and the
8 amount so withheld shall not be paid until such town or
9 city shall satisfy the governor and council that it has com-
10 plied in all ways with the law prescribing the duties of
11 towns and cities in compliance with the provisions of this
12 act.

Sect. 3. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency
2 cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when ap-
3 proved.