

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 17

H. P. 37 House of Representatives, Jan. 16, 1929.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Burkett of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Inspection of Buildings and the
Authority and Duty to Remedy Fire Hazards.

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

Section thirty-four of chapter thirty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "buildings" in the first line of said section the words 'fire inspector'; by inserting after the word "buildings" in the tenth line of said section the words 'or fire inspector'; by inserting after the word "buildings" in the fifteenth line of said section the words 'fire inspector,' and by adding to said section the words 'the powers herein conveyed to the fire

9 inspector shall be additional to the powers conveyed by sec-
10 tion forty-eight of chapter thirty,' so that said section thirty-
11 four, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 34. INSPECTOR AND MUNICIPAL OFFI-
2 CERS MAY ENTER BUILDING IN THEIR JURIS-
3 DICTION: AUTHORITY AND DUTY TO REMEDY
4 DANGEROUS CONDITIONS: APPEAL. R. S. c. 28,
5 § 34. The inspector of buildings, fire inspector and the
6 municipal officers of any city or town may at all reason-
7 able hours, and for the purpose of examination, enter into
8 and upon all buildings and premises within their jurisdic-
9 tion. Whenever any of said officers shall find in any build-
10 ing or upon any premises combustible material or inflam-
11 mable conditions dangerous to the safety of such buildings
12 or premises they shall order the same to be removed or
13 remedied, and such order shall be forthwith complied with
14 by the owner or occupant of said buildings or premises;
15 provided, however, that if the said owner or occupant shall
16 deem himself aggrieved by such order when made by the
17 inspector of buildings or fire inspector he may, within twen-
18 ty-four hours, appeal to the municipal officers, and the cause
19 of the complaint shall be at once investigated by the di-
20 rection of the latter, and unless by their authority the order
21 above named is revoked, such order shall remain in force
22 and be forthwith complied with by said owner or occupant.
23 The inspector of buildings, fire inspector or the municipal
24 officers shall make, or cause to be made, an immediate in-

25 vestigation as to the presence of combustible material or
26 the existence of inflammable conditions in any building or
27 upon any premises under their jurisdiction, upon complaint
28 of any person having an interest in said buildings or prem-
29 ises or property adjacent thereto. Any owner or occupant
30 of buildings or premises, failing to comply with the orders
31 of the authorities above specified, shall be punished by a
32 fine of not less than five dollars for each day's neglect. The
33 powers herein conveyed to the fire inspector shall be ad-
34 ditional to the powers conveyed by section forty-eight of
35 chapter thirty.'