

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 288

S. P. 620

In Senate, March 1, 1929.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Slocum of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Providing for the Protection of Owners of Electric
Storage Batteries.

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

Section 1. Rental batteries as used in this act are defined
2 as an electric storage battery, properly marked, loaned,
3 rented or furnished for temporary use by any person, firm
4 or corporation engaged in the business of buying, selling,
5 repairing, or recharging electric storage batteries. All said
6 persons, firms or corporations must mark any such rental
7 batteries belonging to them with the words "Been made (or
8 abbreviated B. M.) a rental," together with such words and
9 name of city or town as shall identify such batteries as the

10 property of the person, firm or corporation so marking them
11 as such.

Sect. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or cor-
2 poration to mark any battery which is not the property of
3 such person, firm or corporation so marking same as a
4 rental.

Sect. 3. It shall be unlawful to sell or dispose of, or give
2 away any rental battery marked as above without removing
3 all identification marks from same.

Sect. 4. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or cor-
2 poration other than the owner thereof to remove, destroy,
3 or deface the word rental or any of the identification marks
4 on any rental battery that have been placed on a rental bat-
5 tery to identify the same as belonging to or being the prop-
6 erty of any person, firm or corporation.

Sect. 5. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or cor-
2 poration other than the owner thereof to repair, recharge
3 or give away or dispose of, to any other person, firm or
4 corporation any rental battery marked by the owner thereof,
5 as provided for in this act.

Sect. 6. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or cor-
2 poration to retain, keep, or have in his, their or its posses-
3 sion for a longer period than ten (10) days from the date
4 same was rented or loaned by owner, without the written
5 consent of the owner any rental battery marked as such
6 by the owner thereof as provided for in this act.

Sect. 7. Any person, firm or corporation and the officers,

2 agents, employees and members of any firm or corporation
3 violating any part of this act, shall be guilty of a violation
4 of this act and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced
5 to pay a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, and not
6 less than ten dollars, and the cost of court, or be imprisoned
7 for a term not exceeding thirty days and not less than ten
8 days or both at the discretion of the court.