

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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**Senate Document**

**No. 342**

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S. P. 608

In Senate, March 13, 1929.

The President laid before the Senate and on motion by Senator Slocum of Cumberland referred to Committee on Aeronautics and Radio Control and 1500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Slocum of Cumberland.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Amend Chapter Two Hundred and Fifteen, Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Twenty-seven Relative to Radio Reception.

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

Chapter two hundred and fifteen of the public laws of  
2 nineteen hundred twenty-seven is hereby amended by add-  
3 ing at the end thereof the following:

'Sect. 3. There shall be established a department of radio  
2 control under the jurisdiction of the public utilities com-

3 mission, which shall appoint a chief radio superior and to  
4 whom shall be delegated such powers as it deems neces-  
5 sary; also as many district supervisors as zones into which  
6 the state may be divided as hereinafter provided and as  
7 many subordinates as may be needed. The offices and  
8 laboratories of the radio department shall be in Augusta.

‘Sect. 4. The public utilities commission shall divide the  
2 state into as many zones as units as it deems necessary, but  
3 not less than nine, for the purpose of regulating the use of  
4 interfering apparatus therein. The orders of the commis-  
5 sion shall be applicable to such zones as it from time to  
6 time shall prescribe.

‘Sect. 5. It shall purchase all necessary interference  
2 finding apparatus as may be necessary for its department  
3 and for use in the several zones.

‘Sect. 6. The public utilities commission shall make a  
2 special study of radio interference, so-called, may also make  
3 reasonable rules and orders prohibiting the use of any radio  
4 sets which cause interference in radio reception to others.  
5 Whenever notice is received that such interference is tak-  
6 ing place in any zone to any great extent, it shall make an  
7 investigation thereof and when the source of the trouble is  
8 ascertained, it shall cause the same to be discontinued.

‘Sect. 7. The funds for operating such department, shall  
2 be taken from “Radio Fund” hereinafter mentioned.

‘Sect. 8. Every owner or custodian of the instrumentality  
2 for the reception of sound commonly known as and called

3 a radio set, which is so adjusted, arranged or hooked up  
4 that it is usable for the reception of sound on or before the  
5 first day of January, in each year, shall cause the same to  
6 be registered by the clerk of the municipality within the  
7 town where said radio set is kept, which registration shall  
8 be in force until midnight of the last day of the current  
9 calendar year. Should a person become owner or custodian  
10 of a radio set subsequent to the first day of January, then  
11 within ten days next following, he shall cause the same  
12 to be registered in the same manner and for the term ex-  
13 piring at midnight of the last day of the current calendar  
14 year.

‘Sect. 9. For each such radio set, the town clerk shall  
2 receive from such owner or custodian, the sum of one dol-  
3 lar, of which he shall retain the fee of fifteen cents and  
4 shall, within sixty days thereafter, transmit to the treasurer  
5 of state the sum of eighty-five cents, who shall establish  
6 a fund denominated “Radio Fund.”

‘Sect. 10. Such owner or custodian mentioned in section  
2 eight hereof shall immediately affix to said radio, said  
3 registration and the same shall therein remain and be sub-  
4 ject to inspection at all times by the public utilities com-  
5 mission or their duly qualified representatives.

‘Sect. 11. The clerks of the towns shall keep a record  
2 of all registrations by them issued in a book kept for that  
3 purpose, which shall give the names of such owner or  
4 custodian and the name and design of such radio set.

'Sect. 12. Blank forms of application shall be furnished  
2 each town clerk therefor in such quantities as may be need-  
3 ed and shall also provide such registration in such design  
4 as he may elect, upon the back of which shall be an adhe-  
5 sive to affix the same to the set.

'Sect. 13. Whoever operates a radio receiving set with-  
2 out first procuring a registration therefor or shall violate  
3 any order of the public utilities commission after a copy  
4 thereof shall have been given in hand or mailed to him,  
5 shall forfeit not less than ten nor more than one hundred  
6 dollars for each offense.'