

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 9 House of Representatives, Jan. 15, 1931.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mrs. Morey of Lewiston.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to Enginemen, Fires and the Prevention  
of Fires.

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

Every asylum, alms house, hospital, orphanage or other institution having more than twenty-five inmates, and every public, private and parochial school, in any city, town or fire district having a general fire alarm station, and an electrically operated fire alarm system, shall be equipped with a fire alarm box or boxes of the type and character used in such city, town or fire district, to be located on the premises or in the buildings on such premises, at such places as the chief or other head of the fire department of such city, town or fire district may direct. The expense of acquiring, installing and connecting such fire alarm boxes to the public fire alarm system shall be borne by the person or corporation owning or operating such asylum, alms house, hospital, orphanage, institution or school, if the same be under private control, and otherwise by the authorities of the city or town having jurisdiction and control thereof. Upon the installation of such boxes, the fire department or other local authorities having jurisdiction of the general fire alarm system of the city, town or fire district shall thereafter maintain the same in good repair, and the chief of the fire department or other person having authority, or the agents thereof, may enter every asylum, alms house, hospital, orphanage,

institution or school, equipped with such boxes, at any reasonable time, for the purpose of inspection and repair. The failure of a person or private corporation to equip any asylum, alms house, hospital, orphanage, institution or school under his or its jurisdiction, as required by this section shall be a misdemeanor. Within three months after this act becomes a law, the chief or other head of the fire department of every city, town or fire district having a general fire alarm station and an electrically operated fire alarm system shall cause a written notice to be served on every person or corporation owning or operating an asylum, alms house, orphanage, institution or school, under private control, in such city, town or fire district, to cause the same to be equipped with a fire alarm box or boxes as required by this section, and that failure to do so constitutes a misdemeanor. And person or corporation failing to comply with the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of twenty dollars for each offense.