

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 368

H. P. 915 House of Representatives, Feb. 5, 1931.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Palmer of Bangor.

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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 Requiring Keepers and Operators, or Managers or  
Owners of Dance Pavilions to be Licensed.

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

Chapter thirty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after section twenty-five of said chapter the following three sections to be numbered twenty-five A, twenty-five B, and twenty-five C:

'Sect. 25A. Dance pavilions to be licensed. No person, company or corporation owning, operating, managing or controlling a pavilion for the purpose of dancing shall operate any pavilion unless and until a license therefor, to be exercised on week days only, has been issued by the aldermen of the city or selectmen of the town wherein said pavilion is desired to be located; said license shall not be granted unless the pavilion and grounds thereto appertaining shall conform to certain specifications hereinafter named; provided that the requirement for any such license shall not apply to regularly organized country clubs and fraternal organizations.

Sect. 25B. Conditions precedent to license. The board of aldermen of the city or the selectmen of the town wherein a pavilion is located which is used for dancing shall not issue any license therefor unless all parking space is adequately lighted; and unless there are adequate lavatory facilities for

both men and women maintained within the confines of the pavilion building; and unless there shall be provided a traffic officer to be on duty at all hours during dance and social engagements, whose duties shall be to direct traffic and patrol the grounds and keep order and decorum; and unless there shall be provided a matron who shall be responsible for the welfare of the women and girls.

Sect. 25C. Penalty for violation of sections 25A and 25B. Any person who engages in the business above described in section twenty-five A without securing or obtaining said license, or any person who, having secured said license, is guilty of any violation thereof or who violates the conditions imposed by sections twenty-five A and twenty-five B, shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'