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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 450

H. P. 959 House of Representatives, Feb. 11, 1931. Referred to Committee on Judiciary 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 THIRTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Prosecutions and Violations of Liquor Law.

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

Section twenty of chapter one hundred and thirty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the following words at the beginning of said section, "Prosecution for manufacturing liquors in violation of law, for keeping drinking-houses and tippling-shops and for being common sellers of intoxicating liquors, shall be by indictment; but in all other" and by inserting before the word "Prosecutions" in the third line the word 'In' so that said section shall read as follows:

'Sec. 20. Indictment when necessary; jurisdiction; bail. R. S., c. 127, sec. 40. 1919, c. 108. 1923 c. 51. In prosecutions under this chapter, except when otherwise expressly provided, judges of municipal and police courts and trial justices have by complaint, jurisdiction, original and concurrent with the superior court. All prosecutions in the superior court shall be by indictment. Said magistrates, in cases not within their jurisdiction, may examine and hold to bail. And in appeals from any judgment or sentence before such magistrate, the penal sum in every recognizance shall be not less than five hundred dollars. No recognizance before such magistrate or

court, shall be in a sum less than five hundred dollars. And in no case shall the penal sum of the recognizance be reduced after being fixed by the court.'