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Legislative Document

No. 161

H. P. 125

House of Representatives, Dec. 8, 1933.

Referred to Committee on Taxation. 1,000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Flanders of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND
THIRTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Taxation of Machines for Playing Games.

Emergency Preamble. Whereas, the state is not able to balance the budget, and continue its present program of highway, educational, health and welfare work ; and

Whereas, the reduction of the present program of highway, educational, health and welfare work would cause further unemployment and place unbearable burdens on many local communities ; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, now, therefore .

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

Bagatelle machines taxed. No person, firm or corporation shall operate or permit to be operated a bagatelle machine without a license therefor for each machine. City and town clerks are hereby authorized and directed to act as agents for the state tax assessor in the collection of this license fee and shall receive from the state tax assessor for the use of the town 50 cents for each license fee collected.

The state tax assessor shall issue such licenses on receipt of a license fee of \$10.50 for each such machine. The licenses shall be valid for a

period of 1 year only and may be renewed on the payment of the annual license fee of \$10.50.

The state tax assessor may make such rules and regulations as he deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Whoever violates any of the provisions hereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.

Emergency Clause. In view of the emergency created as recited in the preamble this act shall take effect when approved.