

EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Presented by Mr. Harris of Minot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Pawnbrokers and Dealers in Junk and Second Hand Goods.

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

Sec. I. R. S., c. 47, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 47 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Licenses of pawnbrokers; term; penalty. The municipal officers of any town may grant licenses to persons of good moral character to be pawnbrokers, dealers in junk, and second hand goods therein for 1 year, unless sooner revoked by said officers for violation of law; whoever carries on said business without a license, forfeits not more than \$100.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 47, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 47 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. An account of all business done to be kept; record; penalties. Every pawnbroker shall keep a book, in which he shall enter the date, duration, amount, and rate of interest of every loan made by him; an accurate account and description of the property pawned, and the name and residence of the pawner, and, at the same time, shall deliver to said pawner a written memorandum signed by him, containing the substance of the above entry, and, at all reasonable times, shall submit said book to the inspection of any of the officers aforesaid; and for every violation of this section he forfeits \$20.

Every dealer in junk or second hand goods shall keep a record in duplicate on forms furnished by the chief of the state police of every purchase made by him, which record shall include the date, the description of each article purchased and the name, and automobile registration number if any of the seller and the registration number if any of the motor vehicle in which such material so purchased was transported by the dealer, I copy of which said record shall be sent by said dealer by mail the same day on which the purchase was made to the chief of the state police; whoever fails to make said record and to forward the same as above provided shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100.'