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Legislative Document

No. 1080

H. P. 1906

House of Representatives, October 26, 1937.

Presented by Mr. Hill of South Portland.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Enforcement of the Liquor Laws.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, prior legislation has failed to provide adequately for the appointment of officers for the enforcement of the liquor laws, and

Whereas, it is necessary that a force be organized to investigate and prosecute violations of said liquor laws, 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 public peace, health and safety; now, therefore

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

Sec. 1. Section 24 of chapter 237 of the public laws of 1937 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof.

'Sec. 24. Inspectors, how appointed. The liquor commission shall appoint, subject to the approval of the governor and council, a chief inspector, and as many inspectors as may from time to time be found necessary, to serve during the pleasure of the liquor commission, whose compensation shall be fixed by the liquor commission, subject to the approval of the governor and council. Said inspectors shall be under the direct supervision and control of the chief inspector and they and the chief inspector shall give to the treasurer of state a bond of a surety company authorized

to do business in this state which shall be approved by the attorney general in the principal sum of \$5000 conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of their offices. Said chief inspector and inspectors shall be charged with the duty of inquiring into all violations of law pertaining to the sale, possession, manufacture and transportation of intoxicating liquor and the conduct of drinking houses and tippling shops, and the arresting of all violators thereof and prosecuting all offenders against the same. They shall have the same powers and duties throughout the several counties of the state as sheriffs have in their respective counties in connection with the laws pertaining to the sale, possession, manufacture and transportation of intoxicating liquors and the conduct of drinking houses and tippling shops.'

Sec. 2. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble hereof this act shall take effect when approved.