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S. P. 390

In the Senate, February 14, 1939.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Chamberlain of Penobscot.

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

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Public Exhibitions.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Penalty for pageantry, etc., without a license. Whoever, for money or other valuable article, exhibits any images, pageantry, sleight of hand tricks, puppet show, circus, **traveling amusement show**, feats of balancing, wire dancing, personal agility, dexterity, or theatrical performances, without a license therefore as hereinafter provided, forfeits, for every offense, not less than \$10 nor more than \$100; but this prohibition does not extend to any permanently established museum.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Licenses; fees; prosecutions; traveling circuses or traveling amusement shows required to obtain state license; penalty. The municipal officers of towns may grant licenses for any of the foregoing exhibitions or performances therein, on receiving for their town such sum as they deem proper; twenty-four hours being allowed for each exhibition or performance; or more being allowed for such exhibitions or performances

as they may determine; and they shall prosecute, by complaint for the use of their town, all violations of the preceding section. No traveling circus **or traveling amusement show** shall advertise or exhibit any parade, show, or entertainment in this state without first paying a state license of \$500 **in the case of a circus and \$200 in the case of amusement shows** for each calendar year. Application for such license shall be made to the ~~secretary of state~~ **state tax assessor** and shall contain the name of the person or corporation owning or operating said traveling circus **or said traveling amusement show** and a statement of the proposed territory within the limits of said state and the names of the cities and towns in which said traveling circus **or said traveling amusement show** is to exhibit. Upon the payment of the sum of \$500 **or \$200 as the case may be**, a license shall issue.

The advertising and exhibiting of any parade, show, or entertainment of any traveling circus **or traveling amusement show** without first taking out such license shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and the person, persons, firm, or corporation owning or controlling such traveling circus **or traveling amusement show**, or the manager or officer in charge thereof within the state shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.

Municipal and superior courts in the counties where such traveling circus **or traveling amusement show** advertises and exhibits or parades shall have jurisdiction over said offense.'