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House of Representatives, February 14, 1939.

Referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Weatherbee of Lincoln by request.

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 Operation of Motion Picture Machines.

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

Sec. 1. Safety control devices provided for motion picture machines. Any machine or device utilized in any performance, exhibition, or lecture before an audience or collection of persons assembled therefor wherein an inflammable film or projection record is employed shall be equipped or fitted with a safety control device that will automatically interpose an opaque heat resisting shutter or guard between the projection light and said film or projection record instantaneously on the breaking of the said film or record; on the stopping of the movement of said film or record through the path of said light, and/or on any interruption of or change of the regular feed movement of the said film or record through said path of light from that required by the regular operation of the machine or device due either to defect in the said film or record or in the operating mechanism of said machine or device or from other causes and will instantly shut off the motive power of said machine or device and stop its moving mechanism. Said safety control device shall be free from a multiplicity of contact controls in order to reduce congestion of parts with consequent possibility of mishap and confusion and shall in the case of a picture projection machine or device comprise a single control unit operated by the moving film or record and in the case of a combined

picture projection and sound reproducing machine comprise not more than 2 such control units, one for the picture projection mechanism and the other for the sound mechanism.

Sec. 2. Penalty. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days.