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House of Representatives, January 22, 1941.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Shesong of Portland by request.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Minimum Prices in Barber Shops.**

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

**P. L., 1937, c. 190, amended.** Chapter 190 of the public laws of 1937 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections to be numbered 17-A, 17-B, 17-C, and 17-D, and to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 17-A. Minimum price agreements.** Whenever a scale of minimum prices for barber service shall have been agreed upon, signed and submitted to the state board by groups of barbers of at least 70% of the licensed barbers in any city or town of this state, the state board shall have power to approve such agreements and to declare and establish, within such city or town, by official order, the minimum prices for any and all work or service usually performed in barber shops.

Before approving such agreements the board, within 30 days after such schedule is submitted, shall determine by investigation, whether such suggested prices are reasonable, and sufficient to enable barber shops in such city or town or operate in keeping with the purposes of sections 17-A to 17-D, inclusive, in minimizing danger to the public health and safety incident to such work.

In determining reasonable minimum prices the board shall take into consideration the necessary costs incurred in the particular city or town in maintaining barber shops in a clean, healthful and sanitary condition, and also take into consideration any and all other facts and conditions affecting the barber profession in its relation to the public health and safety. If the board shall find after investigation that the minimum prices fixed in any such city or town are insufficient to provide adequate service for protecting the public health and safety, such prices may be changed and varied from time to time.'

'Sec. 17-B. Opening and closing hour agreement. The board shall have power to approve and, by official order, establish the days and hours when barber shops may remain open for business, whenever agreements fixing such opening and closing hours have been signed and submitted to the board by any group of barbers of at least 70% of the barbers in any city or town, and the board shall have like power to investigate the reasonableness and propriety of the hours fixed by such agreement, as is conferred under section 17-A, concerning price agreements.'

'Sec. 17-C. Expiration of orders. All orders of the board approving schedules of prices to be charged for barber service and agreements fixing opening and closing hours for barber shops, as herein provided, shall remain in force and effect for a period of 1 year after the date of approval of any such order, and shall be renewed annually upon its anniversary date, unless rescinded, modified or replaced by a new agreement, approved and promulgated by the board, after being signed and submitted under the procedure provided in sections 17-A and 17-B.'

'Sec. 17-D. Payment of expenses. All expenses incidental to the administration of the provision of sections 17-A to 17-C, inclusive, shall be paid from the funds of the board in the manner and form governing other expenditures of the board.'