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S. P. 252

In Senate, February 8, 1945.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Gould of Androscoggin.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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### **AN ACT Relating to Powers of the Police Department of the City of Lewiston.**

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

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. XI, § 7, amended.** Section 7 of Article XI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 7. Powers of officers.** ~~All patrolmen, including captains~~ **All members of the department subordinate to the chief, save the police clerk,** shall have and exercise within the limits of the city all the common law and statutory powers of constables, except service of civil process, and all powers given to police officers by the statutes of the state, by this charter and by the ordinances, by-laws and regulations of the city, and such special powers as may be conferred upon them by the commission under the authority of this charter.'

**Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. XI, § 13, amended.** Section 13 of Article XI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 13. Punishment of officers.** ~~Patrolmen and captains~~ **All departmental members subordinate to the chief** when guilty of irregular conduct

shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100 or by suspension without pay not to exceed 30 days for each offense; or by removal for cause on complaint of the chief of police to the commission upon charges filed by the commission itself, or upon written complaint signed by any 5 citizens of the city, except that the chief of police may suspend any ~~patrolman~~ **such department member** for misbehavior or neglect of duty for a period not exceeding 1 week without preferring charges to the commission, for each offense. In all cases, ~~patrolmen~~ **such department members** when notified of such charges shall be entitled to a copy thereof and to a public hearing at such time and place as the commission shall designate and the findings of the commission upon such charges shall be final. When fines shall have been imposed, they shall be paid to the city treasurer and the ~~patrolman~~ **said department member** so fined shall stand suspended, without pay, until the order shall be complied with.'