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NINETY - SECOND L E G I S L A T U R E

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In Senate, February 14, 1945.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Savage of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Auctioneers.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 88, § 73, amended. Section 73 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 73. License; fee. The municipal officers of any town may license any legal voter thereof, by a writing under their hands, to be an auctioneer for 1 year, in every town in their county; and shall record every such license in a book kept by them for that purpose. Upon receipt of such license, said auctioneer shall pay ~~\$2~~ \$10 to the treasurer of said licensing town for said town, and may be exempted from the deduction of 2½% from the gross amount of sales provided in section 75. **The treasurer of state shall license any citizen of the state to be an auctioneer for 1 year in all counties of the state on payment of a license fee of \$25.'**

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 88, § 73-A, additional. Chapter 88 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 73-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 73-A. Commissioner of auctioneers; appointment; duties. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a commissioner of auctioneers for a term of 3 years and such commissioner shall serve without pay. It shall be his duty to attend auctions, whenever pos-

sible, in order to approve the method of conducting such auctions. The commissioner shall approve all new applicants for licenses and shall have at least 30 days to render such approval.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 88, § 75, amended. Section 75 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new sentence to read as follows:

'All auctioneers shall notify the commissioner of auctioneers when a sale is to be held at least 3 days before such sale.'